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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

ON JULY 29, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 190.]

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: WE'RE GOING TO -- OKAY. I'M GOING TO ASK EVERYONE TO GO TOWARDS A SEAT, BECAUSE WE'LL -- WE'RE GOING TO START, BECAUSE -- I'M SURE THAT THE REST OF THE MEMBERS WILL BE HERE, BUT IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF PRESENTATIONS WE HAVE, A NUMBER OF VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES WE HAVE TO ADDRESS, WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE, AND I THINK WE SHOULD START, AND I'M SURE THE REST OF THE BOARD WILL BE HERE SHORTLY. SO AS SOON AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FINISHES HIS STATEMENT, I'LL ASK EVERYONE TO STAND SO THAT WE CAN HAVE OUR INVOCATION, WHICH WILL BE LED BY PASTOR JAMES T-HAWKINS OF THE SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT, AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THAT WILL BE LED BY JULIAN COHEN, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY POST NUMBER 603, JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. PLEASE STAND.

PASTOR JAMES T. HAWKINS: GOOD MORNING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR THE INVITATION TO BE HERE TODAY. LET'S PRAY. BELOVING GOD, WHAT A JOY IT IS THIS MORNING TO GREET YOU AND INVITE YOUR PRESENCE INTO THIS PLACE. I BRING ESPECIALLY TO YOU OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS, WHO HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES AS PUBLIC SERVANTS OF GREATER LOS



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1 ANGELES. WHAT AN AWESOME TASK IS THEIRS. THE LOS ANGELES BASIN
2 HAS BECOME QUITE A SALAD BOWL WITH A MYRIAD OF CULTURES AND
3 ETHNICITIES BEING TOSSED TOGETHER TO ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITIES
4 OF LIFE, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, RAISING FAMILIES, WORKING,
5 COMMUTING, ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE COMMON TO THE FAST PACED
6 LIVES OF THIS GREAT URBAN CENTER. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
7 COORDINATING AND PLANTING -- PLANNING FOR THIS DIVERSE
8 COMMUNITY HAS BEEN CHARGED TO THESE SUPERVISORS, AND SO I PRAY
9 THAT YOU WILL GIVE THEM WISDOM BEYOND THEMSELVES TO MAKE
10 DECISIONS THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN BRINGING SUCH A DIVERSE
11 POPULATION TOGETHER IN A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH
12 PURPOSES THAT WILL ENHANCE THE LIVES OF ALL THE BEAUTIFUL
13 PEOPLE GROUPS OF THIS SPRAWLING METROPOLIS. THE MODERN DAY HAS
14 BROUGHT CHALLENGES AND DANGERS TO LIFE THAT WOULD NOT HAVE
15 EVEN BEEN DREAMED POSSIBLE SUCH A SHORT TIME AGO, AND SO WE
16 ASK THAT YOU HELP THESE SUPERVISORS TO PROVIDE FOR THE WELL
17 BEING AND SECURITY OF SO MANY PEOPLE THAT LIVE HERE. WE COME
18 WITH FULL ASSURANCE THAT YOUR PRESENCE IS HERE AND YOU WILL
19 GIVE EACH OF THEM A KEEN AWARENESS THAT YOU HAVE COME TO HELP
20 AS THEY TAKE UP THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS DAY AND THE DAYS
21 AHEAD. THANK YOU SO MUCH THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE, BUT YOU'RE
22 HERE, AND HAVE RESOURCES OF WISDOM, COURAGE, AND STRENGTH TO
23 SHARE AS WE REACH OUT TO YOU. AND NOW, BLESS EACH ONE, WE
24 PRAY. AMEN.

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1 **JULIAN COHEN:** PLEASE FACE THE AMERICAN FLAG, PUT YOUR RIGHT
2 HAND OVER YOUR HEART, AND JOIN ME IN PLEDGING OF ALLEGIANCE
3 WITH FEELING. OKAY, START. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
8 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE AND TO
9 THANK PASTOR JIM HAWKINS. HE HAS BEEN THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE
10 SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD IN TORRANCE FOR FIVE YEARS. THE EIGHT
11 YEARS PREVIOUS TO HIS COMING TO THE SOUTH BAY CHURCH, HE AND
12 HIS WIFE, MARY ANN, WERE INVOLVED IN OVERSEAS SERVICE IN
13 WESTERN KENYA, WHERE THEY HELPED BRING TO BIRTH KENYA
14 INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. PASTOR HAWKINS' CONTINUING
15 PASSION FOR DIVERSE CULTURES WAS THE IMPETUS FOR HIS INTEREST
16 IN COMING TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND SINCE COMING TO THE
17 LEADERSHIP OF THE SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD HE IS LEADING THE
18 CONGREGATION INTO MULTI-CULTURAL MINISTRY AND INVOLVEMENTS IN
19 THE SOUTH BAY COMMUNITIES. SO PASTOR, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND
20 MY COLLEAGUES AND ALL THE CITIZENS, WE APPRECIATE YOU TAKING
21 TIME OUT OF YOUR VERY BUSY SCHEDULE TO LEAD US IN THE
22 BEAUTIFUL INVOCATION.

23

24 **PASTOR JAMES T. HAWKINS:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WE THOUGHT WAS
2 GOING TO BE HERE. YES, HE'S HERE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF
5 ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY JULIAN COHEN. JULIAN IS A RESIDENT
6 OF ARLETA, IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, HE'S REPRESENTING THE
7 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY POST 603, THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE
8 UNITED STATES, WHERE HE IS THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, SERVED IN THE
9 UNITED STATES NAVY FROM 1945 TO '46, AS A SEAMAN, AMPHIBIOUS
10 LANDING CRAFT, IN THE PACIFIC THEATRE, AND WE THANK YOU,
11 JULIAN, ONCE AGAIN FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE. AND AGAIN,
12 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR GREAT COUNTRY.

13

14 **JULIAN COHEN:** IT'S MY HONOR. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW CALL THE AGENDA.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
19 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 7. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEMS 2-D AND 3-D, THE
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ITEM 1-D
22 IS BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 2-D AND 3-D WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE
2 WEEK. ON ITEM NUMBER 1-D, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
3 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
6 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13.
12 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, WE'RE GOING TO
13 HOLD THAT FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE, BUT I'D LIKE TO READ A SHORT
14 REVISION INTO THE RECORD. ON THE SIXTH LINE OF ITEM 2, WHERE
15 IT SAYS, "WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR FINDINGS," IT SHOULD THEN
16 READ, "AND BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CANCELING ANY CONTRACTORS'
17 AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS AND DIRECT THE
18 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO REPORT BACK ON A QUARTERLY BASIS OF THE
19 CANCELLATION STATUS."

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S BEING HELD. ON THE
22 REMAINDER, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 14 THROUGH
2 16. ON ITEM NUMBER 15, THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
3 REQUEST A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 15 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ON 14
6 AND 16, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/ WEIGHTS AND
10 MEASURES, ITEM 17.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ITEMS 18 AND 19.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, NUMBER 20.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, ITEM 21.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
3 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 22.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FISH AND GAME COMMISSION. ON ITEM 23, WE
11 NEED TO CORRECT THE DATE, THE AUGUST 1 DATE. SHOULD BE AUGUST
12 8. SO THAT --

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITH THE CORRECTION OF AUGUST 8TH, MOVED BY
15 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
16 ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 24 THROUGH 31. ON
19 ITEM NUMBER 26, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. THE REST ARE BEFORE
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED
23 BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 26 WILL BE
24 HELD.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 32 AND 33.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY BURKE.
4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITEM 34.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
9 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEM 35.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
14 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT SECOND -- WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 36 THROUGH 63. AND I
17 HAVE FOLLOWING REQUESTS. ON ITEM NUMBER 42, THE DIRECTOR OF
18 HEALTH SERVICES IS REQUESTING A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 42 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON ITEM 51, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
23 WORKS REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE. 51.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 51 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ON THE
2 REMAINDER, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 27, SANITATION DISTRICTS, ON ITEM
6 64, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 64 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 65 AND 66. ON ITEM NUMBER
11 65, HOLD FOR WARREN WILLIAMS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 65 WILL BE HELD, AND ON ITEM 66, MOVED BY
14 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
15 ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 67.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
20 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 68
23 THROUGH 72. ON ITEM NUMBER 68, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
24 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 9,
25 2003, AND WARREN WILLIAMS IS REQUESTING THAT ITEM BE HELD.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. WILLIAMS, CAN YOU COME BACK ON THAT
3 DATE? WHERE IS MR. WILLIAMS? ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT HEARING
4 ANYTHING, THEN 68 WILL BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER --

5

6 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE].

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. CAN YOU COME BACK ON SEPTEMBER
9 9TH FOR THAT HEARING ON THAT?

10

11 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** ITEM NUMBER 68 SUPERVISOR BURKE?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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15 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** I'D LIKE TO BE HEARD ON IT IF I MAY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD 68, AND THEN IT'LL BE CONTINUED.
18 ALL RIGHT.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SO THE REMAINDER, 69 THROUGH 72 ARE
21 BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED
24 BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

25



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BUDGET MATTER. ON ITEM 73, WE'LL HOLD
2 THAT FOR THE BOARD. THE PUBLIC HEARING, 74 AND 75, WE'LL HOLD
3 THOSE FOR HEARING. MISCELLANEOUS 76, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
4 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
5 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
6 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
7 ITEM 76-A.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON 76-B, HOLD FOR ROSALYN GOLD AND
13 OTHERS.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 76-B WILL BE HELD.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 76-C?

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO HOLD THAT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOLD 60 -- 76-C? ALL RIGHT. 76-C WILL BE
25 HELD.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 76-D.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO 76-B I WANT TO HOLD, B IS IMPORTANT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 76-B WAS ALREADY HELD.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY THEN THAT'S FINE. C I HAVE NO PROBLEM
9 WITH.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** C YOU HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH. MOVED BY BURKE,
12 SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 76-D.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 76-E, THAT ALSO INCLUDES AN
20 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
21 CODE RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF THE ENHANCED VOLUNTARY TIME-
22 OFF PROGRAM. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 76-F.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
5 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND FROM THE CONTINUED -- ITEMS CONTINUED
8 FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING, WE'LL HOLD ITEM A-3 FOR A REPORT FROM
9 THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
10 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS
11 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 5.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. FIRST, WE HAVE A CONSUL-GENERAL,
14 AND TODAY, WE'RE WELCOMING ROMANIA'S NEW CONSUL-GENERAL, THE
15 HONORABLE CLAUDIU LUCACI, AND HE ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 IN JUNE FROM BUCHAREST. HE HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AS A
17 JOURNALIST IN THE NEWS DEPARTMENT OF ROMANIAN TELEVISION, AND
18 AS AN EDITOR AND CORRESPONDENT WITH ROME PRESS NEWS AGENCY.
19 HE'S PRODUCED LIVE SPECIAL REPORTS FOR TELEVISION, HAS THREE
20 TELEVISION DOCUMENTARIES TO HIS CREDIT ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT
21 IN CHICAGO, THE U.S. INFORMATION COMMUNITY, AND A NUCLEAR
22 POWER PLANT IN ROMANIA. IN ADDITION TO A UNIVERSITY DEGREE,
23 CONSUL-GENERAL LUCACI HAS TAKEN SPECIAL COURSES IN PUBLIC
24 RELATIONS IN JOURNALISM IN THE UNITED STATES, IN GREECE,
25 BELGIUM, AND GERMANY. HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER BEGAN IN 2001 WHEN



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1 WE SERVED AS SPOKESPERSON FOR THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT FOLLOWED
2 BY A POSITION AS STATE COUNSELOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER. HE WAS
3 APPOINTED CONSUL-GENERAL OF ROMANIA IN LOS ANGELES IN JUNE OF
4 THIS YEAR, AND CONSUL-GENERAL LUCACI, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU.
5 PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE, AND PLEASE ACCEPT THIS PLAQUE AS A
6 TOKEN OF OUR FRIENDSHIP. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **CONSUL-GENERAL:** I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU
9 FOR THIS MARVELOUS OCCASION, THIS OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF THE
10 CONSUL-GENERAL OF ROMANIA. BUT FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY
11 THAT WE THANK FOR YOUR SUPPORT, I MEAN FOR AMERICAN SUPPORT IN
12 WHAT OUR COUNTRY IS DOING ALL OVER THE YEARS. I SEE HERE A LOT
13 OF FRIENDS. A FEW OF THEM ARE ROMANIANS AND I'D LIKE TO THANK
14 YOU FOR THIS, BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW THAT YOU
15 ARE HERE TO SUPPORT ROMANIA AND WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE
16 UNITED STATES IN WHAT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE. MAYBE ROMANIA IS
17 NOT A BIG COUNTRY IF YOU COMPARE IT TO UNITED STATES. FOR
18 SURE, IT'S A MEDIUM COUNTRY, IF YOU LOOK AT EUROPE. BUT YOU
19 HAVE TO KNOW THAT ROMANIA IS A BIG COUNTRY WHEN IT COMES TO
20 HEARTS AND OF ITS PEOPLE. ONE OF HER PEOPLE HERE IS ALESSANDRA
21 NIKITA. SOME OF YOU MAYBE WILL KNOW HER FROM THE PAST, BUT
22 WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR US IS THAT SHE WAS AGREEING WITH US TO
23 DONATE TO L.A. COUNTY THIS LITHOGRAPHY. THIS IS A MASTERPIECE.
24 THE NAME OF IT IS 'COLLECTOR,' AND I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY



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1 MUCH, ALESSANDRA, FOR THIS, AND TO HAVE SOME WORDS ABOUT THIS
2 LITHOGRAPHY. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **ALESSANDRA NIKITA:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING
5 US. ON BEHALF OF MR. LUCACI AND THE COUNTRY OF ROMANIA, WE'D
6 LIKE TO PRESENT THIS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I MEAN I I
7 LIVE IN L.A AND SO WE ALL KNOW WHAT A MOSAIC OF CULTURES IT
8 IS, AND I THINK THIS PIECE SERVES AS A REMINDER TO THE FACT
9 THAT WE SERVE AS SAMARITANS OF GOODWILL, OF POSITIVE ENERGIES
10 AND OF PEACE. SO ENJOY IT AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING US. [
11 APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA CAN YOU BE IN TOO? [
14 INDISTINCT VOICES]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO WELCOME BACK TO THE
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THIS IS THE MOST DECORATED AMERICAN
18 FIGURE SKATER IN THE UNITED STATES HISTORY, MICHELLE KWAN,
19 WHO, THIS PAST MARCH, CLINCHED HER FIRST -- HER FIFTH WORLD
20 FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP. MICHELLE BEGAN SKATING AT THE AGE
21 OF FIVE AFTER WATCHING HER OLDER BROTHER PLAY HOCKEY. SHE
22 ENTERED HER FIRST COMPETITION AT THE AGE OF SEVEN. IN HER
23 BRILLIANT CAREER, MICHELLE HAS ACCOMPLISHED THE FOLLOWING, AN
24 UNPRECEDENTED 41 CHAMPIONSHIPS, FIVE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, SIX
25 CONSECUTIVE AND SEVEN OVERALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, TWO



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1 OLYMPIC MEDALS IN 1998 AND 2002, AND THE NEARLY 100 HISTORY --
2 100-YEAR HISTORY OF LADY FIGURE SKATING, MICHELLE'S FIVE WORLD
3 TITLES AND EIGHT OVERALL WORLD MEDALS, FIVE GOLD, THREE
4 SILVER, IN EIGHT CONSECUTIVE YEARS, 1996 THROUGH 2003, ARE ALL
5 MARKS THAT HAVE BEEN BETTERED BY ONLY THE IMMORTAL SONYA
6 HENNING. IN HER CAREER, MICHELLE HAS RECEIVED 37 PERFECT 6.0
7 MARKS IN COMPETITION. THE MOST OF ANY SKATER IN HISTORY AS HER
8 ARTISTRY AND GRACE HAVE PUT HER IN A CLASS ALL OF HER OWN.
9 THIS PAST YEAR, MICHELLE EARNED HER SEVENTH U.S. FIGURE
10 SKATING SKATER OF THE YEAR AWARD, THE ONLY MULTIPLE WINNER OF
11 THE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD LEADING TO THE U.S. FIGURE SKATING
12 RENAMING THE AWARD IN HER HONOR, THE NATIONAL, THE MICHELLE
13 KWAN TROPHY. AND AGAIN, THIS IS REALLY, AGAIN, AMERICA'S MOST
14 DECORATED UNITED STATES FIGURE SKATER, AND WE'RE SO PROUD OF
15 HER, AND WITH HER TODAY IS HER MOM AND DAD, DAN AND ESTELLA
16 KWAN, AND HER AUNT CAROL KWAN, WHO ALSO SERVES AS A MEMBER OF
17 ONE OF OUR WATER DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND
18 CAROL'S ALSO SUBBING AS A PHOTOGRAPHER, COMPETING WITH THE
19 CHINESE PRESS. SO ANYWAY, MICHELLE, WE REALLY APPRECIATE
20 YOU'RE BEING A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE,
21 WE'RE PROUD OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVING YOU AS A RESIDENT,
22 AND FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR OUR WORLD. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** AND A RESIDENT OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT. [APPLAUSE
25]



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2 **MICHELLE KWAN:** I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3 AND THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT HONOR. I'LL TREASURE IT FOREVER.
4 I CAN SAY THAT I'VE BEEN TRAVELING ALL OVER THE WORLD SINCE I
5 WAS 10 YEARS OLD AND I ALWAYS TAKE A PIECE OF LOS ANGELES WITH
6 ME AND I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK HOME, SO THANK YOU
7 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **MICHELLE KWAN:** ALSO, I WANT TO THANK MY MOM AND DAD FOR BEING
10 HERE AND ALWAYS SUPPORTING ME. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING, WE HAVE A GROUP OF PEOPLE HERE.
13 AND -- TODAY WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP SOME REAL GREAT LEADERS
14 IN OUR COUNTY, AND THAT'S ROGER SNOBLE, MARIA GARRERA, JOHN
15 CATO AND GERALD FRANCIS. WE ARE RECOGNIZING ONE OF THE GREAT
16 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 21ST CENTURY THAT BEGAN IN THE 20TH
17 CENTURY, AND THAT WAS THE COMPLETION, ON TIME, ON BUDGET, OF
18 THE NEARLY 14-MILE GOLD LINE, WHICH OPERATED OFFICIALLY THIS
19 PAST FRIDAY, AND OVER THE WEEKEND, HAS SERVED OVER 79,000
20 PEOPLE HAVE RIDDEN THAT BETWEEN EAST PASADENA AND THE SIERRA
21 MADRE VILLA STATION TO UNION STATION, GOING THROUGH PASADENA,
22 SOUTH PASADENA, HIGHLAND PARK, LINCOLN HEIGHTS, CHINATOWN, TO
23 UNION STATION. THIS PROJECT, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FREEWAY, THE
24 210 FREEWAY, COST APPROXIMATELY \$725 MILLION TO BUILD, ABOUT
25 \$50 MILLION A MILE. AND A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY WAS CREATED



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1 IN WHICH THE CITIES OF PASADENA, SOUTH PASADENA, ALONG WITH
2 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
3 PARTICIPATED, AND WHAT MAKES THIS HISTORIC IS THE FACT THAT IT
4 WAS DONE ON TIME, ON BUDGET, AND IT HAD A GOOD OPERATION AND
5 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FROM THE BEGINNING 'TIL THE END. SO AT THIS
6 TIME, LET ME PRESENT TO THE INDIVIDUALS BEHIND US THIS
7 PROCLAMATION, AND SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA WILL ALSO BE
8 JOINING WITH A PROCLAMATION BEING GIVEN TO THESE GENTLEMEN AND
9 LADIES AS WELL. ROGER -- [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, SHOULD WE DO IT ALL AT ONE TIME BECAUSE
12 HABIBE AND RICK THORPE ARE HERE WHO WERE THE JOINT POWERS
13 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY THAT ARE PART OF THIS TEAM AS WELL.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME JUST SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS.
16 INITIALLY WHEN THE M.T.A. BOARD MET THE PASADENA BLUE LINE
17 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, IT WASN'T NECESSARILY ALL THAT
18 SUPPORTIVE. THEY WERE VERY UNSURE AS WHETHER TAKING IT INTO
19 OTHER HANDS WOULD NECESSARILY LEAD TO A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT.
20 ALL WE CAN SAY WAS WE WERE COMPLETELY WRONG. THIS HAS BEEN A
21 VERY, VERY SUCCESSFUL PROJECT. WE'VE BEEN VERY PROUD OF THE
22 WORK THAT THE PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY HAS
23 CARRIED OUT. I THINK IT HAS SET A MODEL FOR ALL OF US IN THE
24 COUNTY AS TO HOW AND -- AT THE M.T.A. AS TO HOW TO PROCEED. WE
25 HAVE BEEN PART OF A TRANSITION. THE TRANSITION HAS BEEN VERY



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1 SMOOTH. WE'VE BEEN VERY PROUD OF BOTH AUTHORITIES AS TO HOW WE
2 HAVE WORKED OUT ALL OF THE PROBLEMS. WE HOPE THAT THIS
3 COLLABORATION WILL CONTINUE AND EXPAND IN OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
4 TO CONTINUE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF NOT ONLY THE TRANSIT
5 DEPENDENT AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND IN OUR REGION, BUT
6 CERTAINLY ALL OF US WHO HAVE ONE OR MORE CARS IN OUR FAMILY
7 THAT WE NEED TO TAKE OFF THE ROAD AND THEN GET INTO OUR BUSES
8 AND INTO OUR METRO LINE, INTO ALL OF OUR SYSTEMS THAT WE'RE
9 GOING TO HAVE. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THEY'VE
10 DONE. I WANT TO PRESENT A SCROLL OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE
11 TO THE PEOPLE AT THE PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION
12 AUTHORITY, NOW CALLED THE GOLD LINE, AND THAT IS TO RICK
13 THORPE AND HIS TEAM, HABIBE RAKIR, CONGRATULATIONS, GENTLEMEN.
14 [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SPEAKER:** WELL, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
17 M.T.A. AND THE STAFF AND ALL OF OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS, BOTH
18 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, I'D REALLY LIKE TO ACCEPT THIS AS A TOKEN
19 OF THE APPRECIATION FOR OUR CUSTOMERS. I WAS AT A PLATFORM
20 THIS MORNING, AND EVERY TRAIN WAS COMING IN JUST FULL OF
21 PEOPLE, SO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU
22 DID A GREAT JOB OF TRAINING GREAT CUSTOMERS FOR THE M.T.A.,
23 AND WE APPRECIATE IT. AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT THAT
24 THE COUNTY'S GIVEN. ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK IS VERY
25 REMARKABLE OVER THIS WEEKEND, WE HANDLED OVER 150,000 PEOPLE



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1 THAT RODE THE SYSTEM, AND OUR SHERIFF'S UNIT JUST DID A
2 SPECTACULAR JOB OF KEEPING THAT CALM. WE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO
3 PROBLEMS, AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE
4 WITH THEM AND HOW GOOD A JOB THEY DO FOR US. AND JUST, AGAIN,
5 THANK YOU ALL. THIS IS ANOTHER STEP, AND WE'VE GOT PLENTY MORE
6 STEPS TO DO, SO WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK AND GO TO WORK ON
7 THOSE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR. ON BEHALF OF THE
10 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND ALL THEIR
11 STAFF, WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. WE HAVE APPRECIATED ALL YOUR
12 SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT. WE HAVE, AS A TOKEN OF OUR
13 APPRECIATION TO EACH ONE OF YOU, A COMMEMORATIVE POSTER OF THE
14 GOLD LINE AND ITS SUCCESSFUL OPENING AND LOOK FORWARD TO
15 FUTURE PROJECTS TO HELP LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEAL WITH ITS
16 TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO -- SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
19 I ARE GOING TO JOINTLY MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO OUR FIRE
20 CHIEF, MICHAEL FREEMAN, AND DEPUTY CHIEF MEL HOKANSON AND
21 CHIEF TIM OTTMAN. THE CHIEFS ARE HERE TODAY REPRESENTING THE
22 DEPARTMENT AS THEY RECEIVE THE 2003 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
23 COUNTIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR THE FIRE STATION PROTOTYPE
24 PROGRAM. CREATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE NEW FIRE STATION
25 CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE IN 1999, THE UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT



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1 OFFICE GRANTED THE DEPARTMENT EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS FOR THIS
2 PROGRAM THIS YEAR, 2003. NAVIGATION THROUGH A FIRE STATION BY
3 PERSONNEL REMAINS FAMILIAR AND EFFORTLESS AND EACH STATION IS
4 SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THE REQUIRED RESOURCES
5 THAT SPECIFIC SERVICE AREA WITH DESIGN CONCEPTS INCORPORATING
6 INTERIOR LAYOUTS THAT ARE IDENTICAL AND CONSISTENT FOR EACH
7 STATION TYPE AS DORMITORIES, OFFICE EQUIPMENT, STORAGE, ET
8 CETERA, ARE IN THE SAME AREAS REGARDLESS OF THE LOCATION. THE
9 STRUCTURE DESIGN ALLOWS FIRE STATIONS TO BE CONSTRUCTED NOT
10 ONLY TO FULFILL FILL OPERATION -- FIELD OPERATION REQUIREMENTS
11 WHILE REDUCING CONSTRUCTION TIME AND COST, BUT IT ALSO ALLOWS
12 THE STATIONS TO BLEND IN WITH THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.
13 THIS PROGRAM SAVED APPROXIMATELY 130,000 PER NEW FIRE STATION
14 AND HAS REDUCED CONSTRUCTION TIME BY 30%. IN THE IMMEDIATE
15 FUTURE, THERE ARE 18 NEW FIRE STATION SITES RESULTING IN A
16 SAVINGS OF 4.5 YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION TIME, AND \$2.4 MILLION OF
17 CONSTRUCTION COSTS. SO AT THIS TIME, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,
18 LET ME HAVE SUPERVISOR KNABE SAY A FEW WORDS AND THEN WE'RE
19 GOING TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE I CAN ADD, BUT
22 BASICALLY JUST CONGRATULATIONS, CHIEF, FOR THIS AWARD-WINNING
23 DESIGN AND OBVIOUSLY THE COST PER STATION REDUCTION BUT MORE
24 IMPORTANT THE CONSTRUCTION TIME AS OUR COUNTY FAMILY CONTINUES
25 TO GROW AND THE LIFE AND SAFETY OF ITS PEOPLE ARE IN THE HANDS



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1 OF THE NATION'S FINEST FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
2 INNOVATION AND LEADERSHIP AND CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL
3 DONE. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS
6 HONOR. I WOULD LIKE TO REALLY JUST TAKE A MOMENT AND INTRODUCE
7 THE TEAM THAT WAS SO INSTRUMENTAL IN PUTTING TOGETHER THIS
8 PROTOTYPE DESIGN FOR FIRE STATIONS. IT'S CLEARLY A TEAM
9 EFFORT, AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE HERE WITH ME THIS MORNING
10 OUR CHIEF, TIM OTTMAN FROM CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE
11 DIVISION. ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, WE'VE GOT TWO VOLUNTEERS HERE
12 WITH US, MR. STEVE GILBERT, WHO IS A LONG-TIME TECHNICAL
13 ADVISOR GROUP MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT. MR. GILBERT. ROSIO
14 BAILEY, A MEMBER OF OUR STAFF WHO IS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE
15 AESTHETIC DESIGN ASPECTS OF FIRE STATIONS. ALSO WITH US IS
16 JACK CARP, OUR OTHER TECHNICAL ADVISOR AND LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER
17 FOR THE DEPARTMENT. DEPUTY CHIEF MEL HOKANSON WHO IS IN CHARGE
18 OF OUR SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU, AND THEN OUR CHIEF DEPUTY,
19 GARY LOCKHART. IT'S CLEARLY A TEAM EFFORT, OVER THE YEARS THE
20 NEW STATIONS THAT HAVE TO BE BUILT FOR GROWTH IN FIRE
21 PROTECTION, WILL SAVE LITERALLY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR OUR
22 TAXPAYERS. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEAM AND THANK YOU,
23 SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW AS WE ARE HONORING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
2 WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO WELCOME LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
3 DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN, JOEY REED, WHO DESIGNED THE NEW
4 DEPARTMENTAL SHOULDER PATCH, THE FIRST TO BE OFFICIALLY
5 ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY -- BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS 80 YEARS OF
6 EXISTENCE IN A DEPARTMENTAL COMPETITION PROGRAM. THE
7 DEPARTMENTAL PATCH IDENTIFIES THE COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS, BOTH
8 LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY, AND AT THIS TIME, THIS IS THE PATCH,
9 AS YOU CAN SEE ON THEIR SHOULDER, AND THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS
10 LIKE UP CLOSE, AND THEY'VE GIVEN EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS A
11 FRAMED MEMENTO OF THIS NEW DESIGN THAT THEY'RE NOW WEARING,
12 AND WE APPRECIATE THEIR INGENUITY AND CREATIVITY IN
13 ACCOMPLISHING THIS. SO JOEY, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE] [
14 INDISTINCT VOICES]

15

16 **CAPTAIN JOEY REED:** I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THIS AWARD.
17 WE WORKED ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN YEARS TO GET A SHOULDER PATCH,
18 AND I JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE MY WIFE, PAULA, AND MY
19 CHILDREN, TREVOR AND TAYLOR, AND THANK THEM FOR SUPPORTING ME
20 ALSO. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, FIRE CHIEF:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT TOOK
23 US 80 YEARS TO ADOPT AN OFFICIAL DEPARTMENTAL PATCH. WE HAVE A
24 LOT OF SPECIALTY PATCHES, THE PARAMEDICS HAVE WORN PATCHES FOR
25 OVER 30 YEARS, BUT WE HAD A CONTEST. THERE WERE OVER 70



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1 SUGGESTED PATCHES. CAPTAIN REED'S PATCH WAS SELECTED AS THE
2 OFFICIAL DESIGN, AND EFFECTIVE AUGUST THE 1ST, 2003, THAT WILL
3 BECOME THE OFFICIAL DEPARTMENTAL PATCH, AND IN RECOGNITION OF
4 THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION, WE HAVE PRESENTED A TOKEN OF OUR
5 APPRECIATION TO EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS, AND WE'D ALSO LIKE TO
6 PRESENT THIS SHADOW BOX TO CAPTAIN JOEY REED IN RECOGNITION OF
7 HIS DESIGN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT PATCH,
8 JULY 29TH, 2003. CAPTAIN REED. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING QUALITY MEDICAL
11 CENTERS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
12 AND THE UNITED STATES, IS THE CITY OF HOPE. AND TODAY, WE
13 WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE NEW PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, DR. MICHAEL FRIEDMAN, WHO WILL BE LEADING THAT
15 INSTITUTION'S COMMITMENT TO CLINICAL RESEARCH AND PATIENT
16 CARE. DR. FRIEDMAN'S CAREER INCLUDES SERVING AS ACTING
17 COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
18 AND AS THE CHIEF OF THE CLINICAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH WITHIN
19 THE DIVISION OF CANCER TREATMENT AT THE NATIONAL CANCER
20 INSTITUTE AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH. HE RECENTLY
21 SERVED AS CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR BIOMEDICAL PREPAREDNESS AT
22 THE PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURERS OF AMERICA IN
23 RESPONSE TO THE EVENTS -- THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH,
24 2001. HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING THE
25 SURGEON GENERAL'S MEDALLION IN 1999 AND HIS SCHOLARLY



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1 ACTIVITIES INCLUDE AUTHORSHIP, SEVERAL BOOK CHAPTERS, AND MORE
2 THAN 150 SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES. SO, DR. FRIEDMAN NOW TAKES OVER
3 THIS OUTSTANDING 90-YEAR-OLD INSTITUTION LOCATED IN DUARTE, IN
4 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHICH TODAY PROVIDES HELP TO MILLIONS
5 OF PEOPLE WHO ARE BATTLING LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES. WE
6 REALLY APPRECIATE DR. FRIEDMAN FOR COMING TO LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY, ASSUMING THIS POSITION OF LEADERSHIP, AND WE LOOK
8 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM IN DOING A BETTER JOB SERVING ALL
9 OF OUR PATIENTS AND ALL THE CITIZENS OF OUR GREAT COUNTY. SO,
10 DR. FRIEDMAN? [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **DR. MICHAEL FRIEDMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR
14 LEADERSHIP OF OUR DISTRICT AND YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH CITY OF
15 HOPE OVER THE PAST 23 YEARS. THANK YOU TO CHAIR WOMAN BURKE
16 AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR. THE BOARD HAS LONG BEEN SUPPORTIVE
18 OF CITY OF HOPE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR CLOSE
19 TIES FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. OUR INSTITUTION IS RENOWNED FOR
20 ITS RESEARCH AND TREATMENT TO COMBAT CANCER, DIABETES, H.I.V.,
21 AND OTHER SERIOUS DISEASES. FOR 90 YEARS, OUR WORK HAS
22 IMPACTED ON PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM THESE SERIOUS DISEASES, HERE
23 IN LOS ANGELES AND AROUND THE WORLD. WE HOPE TO BE A LOCAL AND
24 A NATIONAL RESOURCE. LAST WEEK, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT
25 RECOGNIZED CITY OF HOPE AS ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP CANCER



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1 HOSPITALS. WE'RE ONE OF ONLY 38 GOVERNMENT-DESIGNATED
2 COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTERS, AND WE SCORED THE VERY HIGHEST
3 IN THE JACO IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RECENT STATE-WIDE
4 SURVEY OF PATIENT SATISFACTION. I'M HONORED TO HAVE THIS
5 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE SCIENTIFIC
6 BREAKTHROUGHS HAVE HELPED ADVANCE MEDICINE AND WHOSE
7 SCIENTIFIC LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO ACCELERATE MEDICAL
8 DISCOVERY, LOOKING TOWARD CURES FOR LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES.
9 AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR ON BEHALF OF THE
10 RESEARCHERS, THE DOCTORS, THE VOLUNTEERS, AND, MOST OF ALL,
11 THE PATIENTS AT CITY OF HOPE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER 90
12 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, SIR.
13 [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE CHIHUAHUA MIX WHO IS
16 TWO YEARS OLD. HIS NAME IS PETITE, AND HE'S LOOKING FOR A
17 HOME. YOU CAN SEE IN THE CHIHUAHUA, THEY'VE GOT A LITTLE
18 DACHSHUND. BUT ANYWAY HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME, AND A LITTLE
19 TERRIER TOO I THINK. SO HE'S A THREE-WAY MIX AND HE'S SAYING
20 HIS PRAYERS RIGHT NOW HOPING THAT SOMEBODY WILL TAKE HIM HOME
21 SO HE CAN CELEBRATE THE COMING HOLIDAY SEASON, WHICH IS JUST
22 AROUND THE CORNER. SO THIS IS LITTLE PETITE, ANYBODY WHO WOULD
23 LIKE TO ADOPT CAN CALL AREA CODE 562-728-4644, AND PETITE HAS
24 ALSO SOME LITTLE FRIENDS THAT ALSO WOULD LIKE TO BE ADOPTED.
25 SEE ANYBODY OUT THERE? THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS NO PRESENTATIONS. I'D

3 LIKE TO CALL DAVID LEON HEIFETZ OF CAL-STATE UNIVERSITY

4 DOMINGUEZ HILLS FORWARD. AND ALSO, WE'RE GOING TO CALL MIKE

5 HENRY AND BRYCE YOKOMIZO ALSO TO COME FORWARD. AND I

6 UNDERSTAND ALSO HERE IS DR. JUSTINE BELLWATER, ACTING VICE

7 PRESIDENT. AND MR. LAVINE, OH I SEE THERE'S A WHOLE GROUP OF

8 PEOPLE COMING UP, GOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. DAVID LEON

9 HEIFETZ OF CAL-STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ HILLS IS CHAIRPERSON

10 OF THE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES DEPARTMENT AND DIRECTOR OF

11 THE PROGRAM ADULT COLLEGE EDUCATION OR P.A.C.E. PROGRAM AT

12 CAL-STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS. HE HAS A HISTORY OF DISTINGUISHED

13 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. HE WAS A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR, EARNED HIS

14 DOCTORATE IN EARLY MODERN ENGLISH HISTORY FROM U.C. IRVINE,

15 HAS WON NUMEROUS SCHOLARLY AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS. HE

16 CONTRIBUTES TO HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY AS A COACH IN THE A.Y.S.O.

17 ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVE IN LOCAL SCHOOL ENDEAVORS. WE'RE

18 PARTICULARLY INDEBTED TO DR. HEIFETZ FOR HIS OVERSIGHT OF THE

19 GRADUATION OF SEVERAL HUNDRED COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EMPLOYEES

20 IN THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM AND FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING

21 P.A.C.E. OFF-CAMPUS SITES TO MAKE A UNIVERSITY EDUCATION MORE

22 ACCESSIBLE TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES AT NUMEROUS COUNTY FACILITIES.

23 I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME DOWN TO VISIT ONE OF THE

24 PROGRAMS AND HAD A GOOD TURNOUT AND IT WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE.

25 AND IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO DR.



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1 HEIFETZ FOR HIS NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP OF P.A.C.E.
3 PROGRAM AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. FIRST LET'S HAVE...

6

7 **DAVID LEON HEIFETZ:** I HAVE SOME MERCIFULLY BRIEF REMARKS, TO
8 MAKE. FIRST A LIST OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. THANK YOU TO THE
9 BOARD, THANK YOU IN PARTICULAR TO SUPERVISOR BURKE AND HER
10 STAFF. I WANTED TO THANK PEOPLE IN THE HUMAN RELATIONS
11 DEPARTMENT, MIKE HENRY AND HIS DEPUTY, SUSAN STERN. I WANTED
12 TO THANK PEOPLE IN D.P.S.S., BRYCE YOKOMIZO AND THE STAFF OF
13 THE D.P.S.S. ACADEMY, JOYCE WASHINGTON, MARY SHERMAN JONES,
14 JOSEPH LUCC. I WANTED TO GIVE A PARTICULAR THANK YOU TO ONE OF
15 SUPERVISOR BURKE'S DEPUTIES, GERALDO PINETA, WHO HELPED TO
16 DRAFT THE RESOLUTION THAT CREATED THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
17 P.A.C.E. AND THE COUNTY, AND I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK
18 OF THE CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS, MY DEAN, SALACE WILLIAMS,
19 DR. JAMES LIONS, THE PRESIDENT. I'D LIKE THE STUDENTS OF THE
20 PROGRAM WHO ARE HERE TO STAND, AND I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
21 FRUITS OF OUR LABORS, BOTH THE GRADUATES AND STUDENTS. A
22 STERLING PROCESS. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THEY'RE ALL AT WORK.

25



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1 **DAVID LEON HEIFETZ:** MANY ARE. FINALLY I HAVE A COUPLE OF
2 POINTS TO MAKE. ONE OF THEM IS THAT BEING AT DOMINGUEZ HILLS,
3 WHICH I BELIEVE IS THE SECOND MOST DIVERSE COLLEGE IN THE
4 COUNTRY. I THOUGHT I KNEW WHAT DIVERSITY WAS UNTIL I STARTED
5 TO WORK WITH COUNTY PERSONNEL. THE COUNTY PERSONNEL IS A
6 VERITABLE UNITED NATIONS OF PEOPLE. QUITE ASTONISHING. AND
7 BECAUSE OF THAT DIVERSITY, THEY HAVE PRODUCED A SYNERGY WITH
8 US, A SYNERGY OF NEW CULTURES, NEW WAYS OF DOING THINGS,
9 COUPLED WITH OUR TRADITIONAL TEACHING METHODS AND OUR APPROACH
10 TO BRING AN ACCESSIBLE DEGREE PROGRAM TO WORKING ADULTS. I
11 LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUATION OF THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU
12 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** WELL I'D LIKE TO THANK ALSO DOMINGUEZ
15 UNIVERSITY FOR THIS PARTNERSHIP. TO BE ABLE TO BRING DEGREES
16 TO THE COUNTY AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES IS CERTAINLY GOING TO RAISE
17 THE BAR LEVEL FOR EMPLOYEES, AND THAT TRANSLATES INTO BETTER
18 WORKERS, AND IT'S A PARTNERSHIP ON BOTH SIDES, AND WE REALLY
19 APPRECIATE THAT PARTNERSHIP WITH DOMINGUEZ UNIVERSITY. [
20 APPLAUSE]

21

22 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES WOULD
23 ALSO LIKE TO JOIN THE BOARD IN RECOGNIZING DR. HEIFETZ TODAY.
24 THIS IS JUST A WONDERFUL PROGRAM TO BRING EDUCATION TO OUR
25 WORKING ADULTS. WE'VE HAD OVER 2,000 OF OUR DEPARTMENT



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1 EMPLOYEES GO THROUGH THE PROGRAM IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND
2 WE'VE GOT SEVEN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
3 WHERE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PARTNER WITH CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ AND
4 BRING IN ADULT EDUCATION TO OUR EMPLOYEES. SO WE, AGAIN, WOULD
5 LIKE TO JOIN THE BOARD WITH THIS RECOGNITION OF DAVID HEIFETZ.
6 THANKS VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS, I'M VERY PLEASED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
10 OF COUNTIES IN RECOGNIZING THIS YEAR'S NACO 2003 ACHIEVEMENT
11 AWARD WINNING PROGRAMS. AND NACO IS A NONCOMPETITIVE
12 RECOGNIZED PROGRAM WHICH IMPROVES COUNTY SERVICES THROUGHOUT
13 THE UNITED STATES. THESE AWARDS ARE MEANT TO PROMOTE BETTER
14 GOVERNMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS YEAR,
15 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN AWARDED NACO'S HIGHEST
16 AWARD, WHICH IS CALLED BEST IN CATEGORY, FOR THE SEX OFFENDERS
17 LOCATOR SYSTEM. AND ACCEPTING IS C.A.O. DAVID JANSSEN AND
18 ALISA DRAKO DAEDES, SHERIFF CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY, AND WENDY
19 HORN, INTERNAL SERVICES ACTING DIRECTOR, DAVE LAMBERTSON, AND
20 CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, JOHN FULLINWIDER. DAVID, WOULD YOU
21 LIKE TO COME FORWARD AND JUST SAY A FEW WORDS? BEST IN
22 CATEGORY. BEST IN SHOW. [LAUGHTER].

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BEST IN SHOW. IT'S A WHOLE NEW CATEGORY. THANK
25 YOU, SUPERVISOR. WINNING THE BEST IN CATEGORY FOR THE NATIONAL



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1 ASSOCIATION AND COUNTIES IS REALLY QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR
2 THE COUNTY. IT WAS TRULY A TEAM EFFORT. THE DEPARTMENTS BEHIND
3 ME THAT WERE INSTRUMENTAL, SHERIFF, C.A.O., I.S.D., OUR
4 OFFICE, BUT A LOT OF THE RECOGNITION REALLY GOES TO SUPERVISOR
5 ANTONOVICH, WHO BROUGHT IN THE MOTION OVER A YEAR AGO TO HAVE
6 THIS SYSTEM SET UP, AND IT'S A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE TRANSITION
7 BETWEEN POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION. WE'VE HAD OVER FOUR MILLION
8 PEOPLE ACCESS THE SITE, ALMOST A MILLION WITHIN THE FIRST
9 COUPLE OF WEEKS. IT'S ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS THE
10 COUNTY HAS EVER IMPLEMENTED, SO WE APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION
11 FOR N.A.T.O. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS LEADERSHIP.

12 THANK YOU. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE
15 RECEIVED OTHER AWARDS. IT WASN'T BEST IN CATEGORY BUT THEY'RE
16 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND I'M GOING TO CALL EACH PERSON UP, EACH
17 DEPARTMENT UP, AND WE WILL TAKE A FAST PHOTO AND MOVE FORWARD.
18 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM.
19 ACCEPTING IS ASSESSOR, RICK AUERBACH AND PROJECT TEAM. [

20 APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARTS COMMISSION, FOR ARTS FOR ALL, REGIONAL
23 BLUE PRINT FOR ARTS EDUCATION. ACCEPTING IS LAURA ZUCKER,
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND IONA HUDSON.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. OUR NEXT AWARD GOES TO TWO
2 DEPARTMENTS. BEACHES AND HARBORS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR
3 COUNTY MADE BETTER, CHEAPER MORE EFFICIENT PROJECT, ACCEPTING
4 IS BEACHES DIRECTOR, STAN WISNIEWSKI, AND TEAM AND FIRE CHIEF,
5 BELL FREEMAN, AND TEAM. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. THE NEXT AWARD TO THE LEAD
8 TEAM OF FIVE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY
9 SERVICE WEEK PROJECT. ACCEPTING IS SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA,
10 FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT, C.A.O. DAVID JANSSEN, PARKS AND REC
11 DIRECTOR, TIM GALLAGHER, COUNTY LIBRARIAN, MARGARET DONNELLY
12 TODD, MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, HERRELL GARRETT, AND MUSEUM
13 OF ART, MELODY KANCHAT AND EVELYN GUTIERREZ FROM THE C.A.O.
14 OKAY GLORIA THIS IS FOR YOU.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I GET ONE TOO? [INDISTINCT VOICES]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF US RIGHT, YEAH. [
21 INDISTINCT VOICES]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GREAT PROGRAM, GOOD JOB. CHIEF
24 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE FOR THE E.S.P. FAMILY STEPS TO SURVIVAL
25 PROGRAM. ACCEPTING IS C.A.O. DAVID JANSSEN AND PROJECT



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1 MANAGER, BILL BUTLER. COULD YOU STAY UP HERE, DAVID
2 CONGRATULATIONS. AND THE NEXT AWARD IS TO COMMUNITY
3 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY MEETINGS, C.D. BLOCK
4 GRANT PROGRAM AND DIRECT DEPOSIT IMAGING PROGRAM. ACCEPTING IS
5 BABETTE GLOVER AND PROJECT TEAM. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK I MISSED ONE. OKAY. AND ALSO, THEY
8 HAVE ONE THAT IS BLAST OFF VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. ACCEPTING IS
9 BABETTE GLOVER AND ASSISTANT TEAM. AND THE OTHER ONE IS
10 MARBRISA WALK, A SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES PROJECT AND NEIGHBORHOOD
11 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. ACCEPTING IS BABETTE GLOVER AND PROJECT
12 TEAM. ARE THESE ALL THE SAME TEAM? WOW.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. WE'RE ALL HERE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT THEY'RE ALL HERE. OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE ONE MORE, COMMUNITY --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU HAVE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT. DID I
21 MISS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT? WE'LL HAVE TO COME BACK FOR THAT.
22 WELL, ACTUALLY, IT'S MARBRISA AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
23 PROGRAM, BOTH AT THE SAME TIME. OKAY. YEAH BOB CAN COME. YEAH
24 LET'S ALL COME THIS WAY, OKAY [INDISTINCT VOICES]

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS, CONGRATULATIONS, GOOD JOB.
2 CONGRATULATIONS. OUR NEXT AWARD GOES TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE
3 FOR VIDEO CONFERENCING, COST EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION TOOL
4 PROJECT. ACCEPTING IS CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, DOCTOR LACKSMAN,
5 AND DIRECTOR, TONY HERNANDEZ. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. CONGRATULATIONS. THE NEXT
8 AWARD IS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE STATION PROTOTYPE
9 PROGRAM. ACCEPTING, FIRE CHIEF FREEMAN AND PROJECT TEAM. [
10 INDISTINCT VOICES]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OUR NEXT AWARD GOES TO THE LEAD TEAM OF
13 FIVE DEPARTMENTS FOR CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK
14 PROJECT. OH. WAIT A MINUTE. OH. ONE MORE. OKAY. HERE WE GO.
15 FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT TRAINING, AND THIS IS
16 THE PROGRAM SURF, RESCUE. AND ACCEPTING IS CHIEF FREEMAN AND
17 THE PROJECT TEAM. OKAY. WE DID THEM ALL AT ONE TIME. RIGHT?
18 HERE WE GO. SO ALL OF YOU CAN GET BACK TO WORK, I KNOW WHAT
19 CHIEF FREEMAN'S THINKING, HOW ARE YOU.? CONGRATULATIONS. OUR
20 NEXT AWARD GOES TO A LEAD TEAM OF FIVE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE
21 CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK PROJECT. ACCEPTING IS
22 GLORIA MOLINA, DAVID JANSSEN, TIM GALLAGHER FROM PARKS AND
23 REC, LIBRARIAN, MARGARET DONALD SMITH TODD, MUSEUM OF NATURAL
24 HISTORY, HERRELL GARRETT, AND MUSEUM OF ART, MELODY KANCHAT
25 AND EVELYN GUTIERREZ. IS THIS THE SAME GROUP? WE'VE DONE THIS



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1 ONE. OKAY. SO IS IT HEALTH SERVICES? THE NEXT ONE IS HEALTH
2 SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE MODEL.
3 ACCEPTING IS TOM GARTHWAITE AND PROJECT TEAM. AND THEN THERE'S
4 ALSO HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE VISUAL C.M.R. STATE OF THE ART
5 REPORTING AND TRACKING PROJECT. AND WOULD YOU -- ACCEPTING IS
6 DR. GARTHWAITE AND PROJECT TEAM. SO WE'LL TAKE TWO DIFFERENT
7 PICTURES. ONE FOR THE FIRST ONE AND THEN ONE FOR THE SECOND
8 ONE. STAY RIGHT HERE, WE'LL BRING ANOTHER TEAM IN.
9 CONGRATULATIONS. CONGRATULATIONS. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, FOR EMPLOYEE
12 HEALTH AND FITNESS PROGRAM. ACCEPTING, DIRECTOR MIKE HENRY AND
13 PROJECT TEAM. AND ALSO, WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
14 RESOURCES FOR STRATEGIC WORK FORCE PLANNING INITIATIVE, WHICH
15 WILL BE MIKE HENRY AND PROJECT TEAM. SO WE'LL TAKE THE FIRST
16 ONE FIRST. HERE'S THE FIRST TEAM. OKAY.

17

18 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** ALL RIGHT, THIS IS THE FITNESS TEAM, OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FITNESS TEAM, ALL RIGHT. OKAY.
21 CONGRATULATIONS, CONGRATULATIONS. NOW THE NEXT TEAM IS THE --
22 THE NEXT TEAM IS THE STRATEGIC WORK FORCE PLANNING INITIATIVE
23 TEAM. OH IT'S A BIG TEAM.

24

25 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** YEAH THIS IS A BIG TEAM.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** A BIG WORK FORCE. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. INTERNAL SERVICES
5 DEPARTMENT FOR THE DOING BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY WEB SITE
6 PROJECT. ACCEPTING IS INTERIM DIRECTOR, DAVID LAMBERTSON AND
7 MARK MARTINEZ. CONGRATULATIONS, THERE WE GO RIGHT HERE.

8 CONGRATULATIONS. PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE YEAR-ROUND
9 NATURE CAMP. AND ACCEPTING IS TIM GALLAGHER AND THE PROJECT
10 TEAM. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE
13 CHILD SUPPORT CIVIL COURT PROJECT. ACCEPTING IS MICHAEL JUDGE
14 AND MARGARET ISAACSON. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES HAS TWO HERE.
15 THEY HAVE AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AND THE TIME LIMIT
16 OUTREACH PROJECT, AND ACCEPTING IS BRYCE YOKOMIZO, SHERRY
17 LEWIS, AND JUDITH HEAD. AND THEN THEY HAVE ANOTHER TEAM,
18 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICE FOR CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, IMMIGRANTS
19 S.S.I. ASSISTANT PROGRAM, AND ACCEPTING IS DIRECTOR BRYCE
20 YOKOMIZO AND PROJECT TEAM. SO WE'LL HAVE THE FIRST TEAM COME
21 UP FIRST ON AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT. [INDISTINCT VOICES]
22 OKAY GREAT, CONGRATULATIONS. CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU. [
23 INDISTINCT VOICES]

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ANOTHER TEAM. CASH ASSISTANCE. WAIT
2 A MINUTE, D.P.S.S., OKAY THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN ALSO WITH THE
3 OTHER ONE, IS THIS THE SAME TEAM ON THIS TIME OR IS THIS? [
4 INDISTINCT VOICES]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TIME LIMITS OUTREACH. OKAY. [INDISTINCT
7 VOICES]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ONE MORE TEAM.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE ONE MORE D.P.S.S. ADVISORY.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** S.S.I., RIGHT? S.S.I.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW, PUBLIC WORKS. PUBLIC WORKS
18 HAS A NUMBER OF THEM HERE. THE PUBLIC WORKS ONSITE UNIVERSITY
19 PROGRAM. ACCEPTING IS DIRECTOR JIM NOYES AND THE PROJECT TEAM.
20 THEN WE'LL HAVE THE PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
21 DRAINAGE AREA PROJECT, WHICH WILL BE JIM NOYES AND THE PROJECT
22 TEAM. AND FINALLY, THE TOTALLY AGAINST GRAFFITI TAG PROGRAM,
23 WHICH WILL BE JIM NOYES AND VALERIE HILL. WE'LL JUST HAVE THE
24 FIRST ONE HERE, WHICH IS THE ONSITE PROGRAM. THIS IS ONSITE



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1 PROGRAM. ONSITE PROGRAM SO THE NEXT TEAM WE HAVE THE DRAINAGE
2 AREA, ARE YOU GRAFFITI, IS THIS THE GRAFFITI TEAM?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** IT'S ME.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S YOU? OKAY. WE'LL TAKE YOU RIGHT NOW.

7 AND THEN NOW WE HAVE THE DRAINAGE TEAM. RIGHT? NOW WE HAVE THE

8 REGIONAL PLANNING FOR G.I.S. NET PROGRAM, THE INTERNET MAP,

9 WEB SERVER APPLICATION AND DIGITAL AERIAL IMAGERY. ACCEPTING

10 JIM HARTEL AND MELA SVECTEG, SVETEG. CONGRATULATIONS.

11 REGISTRAR RECORDER FOR PRIMARY EYE VIDEO AND VITAL RECORDS

12 IMAGING SYSTEM, DEPUTY CHRIS KEPFLA. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR EMERGENCY

15 COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION PROJECT. AND SHERIFF'S

16 DEPARTMENT FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

17 TECHNOLOGY PROJECT, WHICH WE JUST DID, AND NOW THE SUPERIOR

18 COURT FOR GUARDIAN VOLUNTEER PROJECT. ACCEPTING IS RONALD

19 HOPTON AND PROJECT TEAM. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND OUR FINAL AWARD, WHICH WAS THE PROBATE

22 VOLUNTEER PANEL PROJECT. ACCEPTING, RONALD HOPTON AND PROJECT

23 TEAM. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THAT CONCLUDES THE NACO AWARDS, AND
2 THIS NATIONAL RECOGNITION PAYS TRIBUTE TO OUR EXCELLENT
3 MANAGEMENT TEAMS AND CREATIVE PROJECT MANAGERS.
4 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNING DEPARTMENTS. LET'S GIVE
5 THEM A BIG HAND. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATIONS. AND NOW
8 WE'LL GO ON TO THE THIRD DISTRICT. DO YOU HAVE PRESENTATIONS?
9 FOURTH DISTRICT? ALL RIGHT. IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER
10 PRESENTATIONS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS UP FIRST.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
13 TODAY IN MEMORY OF BOB HOPE, WHO WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND AND
14 PERSONAL SUPPORTER OF MINE. AND IF YOU REMEMBER A COUPLE
15 MONTHS AGO WE HAD BOB'S FAMILY HERE AS WE CELEBRATED HIS 100TH
16 BIRTHDAY. BOB ONCE SAID IF YOU HAVEN'T ANY CHARITY IN YOUR
17 HEART, YOU HAVE THE WORST KIND OF HEART TROUBLE. HE WAS A
18 FORCE FOR GOODNESS AND HUMANITY AND A SHOWMAN, AND AS A
19 SHOWMAN AND AS A CITIZEN, AND DURING WORLD WAR II, AT THE TIME
20 OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR, HE WENT DOWN TO VOLUNTEER FOR
21 THE ARMED FORCES, AND THE GOVERNMENT SAID HE COULD DO A BETTER
22 JOB DOING WHAT HE WAS DOING, AND THAT WAS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT
23 FIELD, AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, BESIDES EXCELLING ON STAGE,
24 RADIO, TELEVISION, AND THE BIG SCREEN, HE WENT ALL OVER THE
25 WORLD WHERE THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WERE FIGHTING AND



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1 WHERE THEY WERE STATIONED, AND FROM WORLD WAR II UP ALL THE
2 WAY THROUGH THE GULF WAR, BOB WAS THERE PERFORMING AND MAKING
3 -- BRINGING AMERICA TO THOSE FRONT LINES TO OUR SERVICEMEN AND
4 WOMEN. HE LIFTED THE MORALE WITH HIS U.S.O. PERFORMANCES, AND
5 HE WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL ROLE MODEL. HIS COMEDY BROUGHT RELIEF
6 AND LAUGHS THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAN CONFLICT WHERE AMERICANS
7 WERE INVOLVED WITH FIGHTING. HIS DEDICATION ALSO INCLUDED HIS
8 FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AND HIS SUPPORT OF GOOD GOVERNMENT AND
9 OUR AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. HE ONCE SAID, "IF I HAVE TO LAY AN
10 EGG FOR MY COUNTRY, I'LL DO IT." AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE HIS
11 INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY THAT HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF
12 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT HE HELPED RAISE FOR CHARITY EVENTS,
13 HIS INVOLVEMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND THE LOVE FOR HIS
14 COMMUNITY WAS SO GREAT, AS YOU KNOW, THEY NAMED A STREET FOR
15 HIM IN BURBANK, THE BOB HOPE DRIVE RIGHT OFF OF THE 134
16 HIGHWAY. A SUPPORTER FROM ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL TO ALL -- A
17 NUMBER OF, AS I SAID, CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. AND HIS
18 PARTNER FOR SO MANY YEARS, HIS WIFE, DOLORES AND HIS FOUR
19 CHILDREN, WE SEND THEM OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY, AND WE JOIN WITH
20 THE NATION AS THE PRESIDENT HAS ORDERED THE FLAGS TO BE FLOWN
21 AT HALF MAST ON FRIDAY, THE DAY OF HIS BURIAL. SO HE'S ONE OF
22 A KIND AND HE WAS A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL FRIEND, A ROLE MODEL,
23 HUSBAND, FATHER, AND GRANDFATHER. SO I MOVE WE ADJOURN IN HIS
24 MEMORY.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND, WHO PASSED AWAY, AND
4 MANY OF US SERVED WITH HIM, AND THAT WAS GEORGE BATTY, THE
5 FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BURBANK. HE WAS A CONSTRUCTION
6 ENGINEER WHO HELPED BUILD MANY FREEWAY BRIDGES IN OUR COUNTY
7 AND HE LATER BECAME THE CIVIC LEADER AND COUNCIL MEMBER, MAYOR
8 OF THE CITY OF BURBANK. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76. AS
9 YOU KNOW, HE WAS ALSO INVOLVED AT THE M.T.A., WHERE HE SERVED
10 IN ONE OF OUR CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEES.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND AND COMMUNITY LEADER IS
15 THE FORMER MAYOR OF POMONA, GEORGIA GROVE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
16 THE AGE OF 79. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE POMONA CITY COUNCIL FOR
17 FIVE YEARS, SERVED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JUSTICE SYSTEM
18 ADVISORY GROUP, THE POMONA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. AND THE
19 CHAIRMAN -- AND THE PAST POMONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND SHE
20 WAS ONE OF THE FIRST WOMEN TO BE ELECTED TO LOCAL OFFICE IN
21 THE COUNTY. ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND OF MANY OF OURS, ONE OF THE
22 GREAT PROSECUTORS WHO PASSED AWAY TRAGICALLY FROM A HEART
23 ATTACK, WAS PAUL HALPIN, WHO WAS A VETERAN L.A. COUNTY D.A.
24 WHO WON MURDER CONVICTIONS AGAINST THE NIGHT STALKER, RICHARD
25 RAMIREZ, AND A SLAYER OF A POLICEMAN IN THE RETRIAL OF WHAT



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1 WAS NOW KNOWN AS THE ONION FIELD KILLING. HE WORKED FOR 36
2 YEARS AS A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY BEFORE RETIRING IN 2001,
3 AND HE HAS TWO DAUGHTERS WHO SURVIVE. ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND AND
4 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DIED WITH HIS BOOTS ON, AND THAT WAS MEL
5 PARAVICH. MEL PASSED AWAY ON JULY 19TH AT THE AGE OF 93, AND
6 HE WAS STILL PRACTICING LAW UNTIL HE PASSED AWAY. HE ENTERED
7 THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN 1941 AND HE SERVED IN THE PACIFIC
8 THEATRE AS A TRIAL JUDGE ADVOCATE THEN IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE
9 SERVING WITH A MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM ORGANIZING THE
10 DISPLACED PERSONS IN GERMANY. AFTER THE WAR, HE CAME TO LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY AND SERVED AS A DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER BEFORE
12 GOING INTO PRACTICE. HIS LATE BROTHER WAS A REPRESENTATIVE
13 FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND THAT WAS CALIFORNIA STATE
14 SENATOR ANDY PAROVICH, WHO REPRESENT THE JACKSON AREA NEAR
15 SACRAMENTO FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. ANDREW SCOTT RHODES, WHO WAS
16 TRAGICALLY KILLED IN A AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT JUST ONE MONTH
17 BEFORE HIS SENIOR YEAR AT SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS AN ACTIVE
18 STUDENT AT SAUGUS HILLS -- SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL, AND HE WAS A --
19 SPENT MUCH OF HIS TIME ON THE RACETRACK, WHERE HE WAS
20 BEGINNING HIS MOTORCROSS RACING CAREER. AND HE LEAVES HIS
21 PARENTS AND HIS SISTER. ALICE ANNA RITZ. SHE WAS THE OFFICE
22 MANAGER AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE IN THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT
23 FOR 17 YEARS, AND THEN SHE WORKED FOR 16 YEARS FOR DESERT
24 HAVEN IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
25 DIRECTORS. SHE WAS ALSO A VOLUNTEER FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS.



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1 BETH ANDERSON ROUNDTREE, THE SUCCESSFUL REAL ESTATE BROKER AND
2 VOLUNTEER FOR MANY BOARDS AND FUNDRAISERS AND SHE SERVED AS
3 THE BOARD OF REALTORS PRESIDENT IN 1983, AND IN 1986, WAS
4 AWARDED THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMAN OF THE YEAR. ROSE MARIE
5 SABO, WHO WAS ACTIVE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THE ANTELOPE
6 VALLEY'S LANCASTER CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL AND HIGH DESERT
7 HOSPITAL, WHERE SHE DEDICATED NUMEROUS HOURS TO VISITING THE
8 SICK. CARMEN SORROW, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY'S FIRST CITY
9 EMPLOYEE AND ALSO A SANTA CLARITA PRESS CLUB NEWS MAKER AWARD
10 WINNER, A NOMINEE FOR THE 'BEHIND THE SCENES' FOR HER WORK
11 WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. SHE WAS THE FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE
12 CANYON THEATRE GUILD, PRESIDENT OF THE HOLIDAY HOME TOUR FOR
13 HENRY MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND RECORDING SECRETARY
14 AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF THE SANTA CLARITA
15 VALLEY. RAYMOND SOMMERS, OWNER/BROKER OF PENCO FINANCIAL AND
16 CENTURY 21 DIAMOND. HE BUILT HIS BROKERAGE FIRM AND REAL
17 ESTATE AND LOAN COMPANY IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHO PASSED
18 ON AWAY ON JULY 6TH. MICHAEL TOLLMAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED ON JULY 25TH FROM
20 INJURIES SUFFERED DURING A WATER-SKIING INCIDENT IN ARIZONA.
21 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE INDUSTRY STATION AND HE LEAVES BEHIND
22 HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. DR. ARMEN VIOLI, WHO GRADUATED
23 FROM THE L.A. COUNTY WHERE -- I SHOULD SAY HE INTERNEED AT L.A.
24 COUNTY'S GENERAL HOSPITAL AND THEN PRACTICED MEDICINE, WHERE
25 HE WAS CHIEF CLINICAL PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN



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1 CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. VAN MOGE, WHO IS MY WIFE'S
2 BROTHER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 63. SHE
3 LEAVES BEHIND SIX CHILDREN. GORDON RICHARD MCCLEAN, A LONG-
4 TIME BROKER WITH CROWELL WEEDEN, HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER OF
5 THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES, WHO PASSED AWAY AND IS
6 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND SON. AND DONALD DELICKING, A LONG-
7 TIME RESIDENT OF LA CRESCENTA GLENDALE. HE WAS THE OWNER OF
8 HIS BUSINESS, DELICKING ACCOUNTING CORPORATION, AND QUITE
9 ACTIVE IN THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN KIWANIS. AND
10 VERA LASKIN, RAISED IN NEW YORK CITY, CAME OUT TO LOS ANGELES
11 WITH HER CHILDREN, ATTENDING CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY OF
12 LOS ANGELES, AND THEN BEGAN A TEACHING CAREER AT RIO HONDO
13 COLLEGE IN THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, WHERE SHE WORKED FOR OVER
14 30 YEARS AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO CHILDREN. THOSE ARE
15 THE ADJOURNMENTS FOR TODAY.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT THE -- ON JUNE
20 23RD THE BOARD HAD APPROVED MY MOTION DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-
21 CONTROLLER AND THE C.A.O. TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH THE CHILD
22 SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW AND REPORT BACK ON A
23 NUMBER OF ISSUES ARISING FROM THE CURRENT FISCAL CONDITION OF
24 THE DEPARTMENT. ON JULY 25TH, THE C.A.O. AND AUDITOR-
25 CONTROLLER ISSUED THEIR REPORT ADDRESSING EACH OF THOSE ISSUES



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1 RAISED IN THE MOTION. AND THE AUDITOR HAS IDENTIFIED A FEW
2 AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT WITHIN THE CONTRACTING PROCESS AND MAKES
3 APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT
4 SERVICES. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE CURRENT REDUCTION IN
5 THE NUMBER OF LAYOFFS IS PRIMARILY BASED ON ONE-TIME COST
6 SAVINGS AND THE DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN THIS YEAR'S
7 WORK FORCE IN THE FUTURE WILL HEAVILY RELY UPON A CLOSE
8 MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF ITS CONTRACTING PROCESS. SO I'D
9 LIKE TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES TO
10 ADOPTED THE COUNTY CONTROLLER'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS SET FORTH
11 IN THEIR JULY 25TH , 2003 REPORT. SO I BELIEVE WE'D HAVE TO
12 VOTE ON THIS FOR NEXT WEEK. THAT WOULD BE FOR NEXT WEEK, FOR
13 NEXT WEEK? AND ITEM NUMBER 2, I HAD INTRODUCED THAT AMENDMENT,
14 WHICH VIOLET HAD READ WHEN SHE READ THE MOTION. YOU HAD A
15 QUESTION, SUPERVISOR BURKE?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. I WANT TO REALLY GET SOME
18 UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THIS WILL IMPACT THE PROGRAM AND OF
19 COURSE, THIS IS TIED IN ALSO WITH 76-B. THESE ARE THE RIGHT
20 PROGRAMS, AND SO I CERTAINLY BELIEVE WE HAVE TO MONITOR, BUT
21 WHAT I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT IS THIS GOING TO BE WHERE WE'RE
22 MOVING FORWARD TO TRY TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE CONTRACTORS, OR
23 ARE WE GOING TO BE WORKING WITH THEM TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT
24 THEY'RE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF OUR REGULATIONS?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WOULD BE WORKING WITH THEM SO THAT THEY
2 WOULD COMPLY WITH THEM, BUT IF THERE WERE INSTANCES WHERE
3 THERE WAS FRAUD, THAT'S A DIFFERENT SITUATION.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, IF IT'S FRAUD. WHAT WOULD BE YOUR
6 INTENTION IF THERE -- AS FAR AS IT RELATES TO THOSE LANGUAGE
7 GROUPS? OF COURSE WE KNOW IF 76-B PASSES, WE'RE NOT GOING TO
8 BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHAT LANGUAGE THEY SPEAK.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS PAULA HERE? THE TREASURER AND TAX
11 COLLECTOR, AS WELL?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES HOW WOULD WE -- WHAT WOULD BE THE PLAN
14 AS TO THOSE AREAS? BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, IN SOME
15 INSTANCES, LANGUAGE GROUPS WHERE THERE'S NOT A GREAT DEAL OF
16 AVAILABILITY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

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18 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** SUPERVISOR, TYLER MCCAULEY, AUDITOR-
19 CONTROLLER. TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, MY BELIEF IS WE STILL
20 NEED TO LOOK AS HARD AS WE CAN TO SEE IF WE CAN BRING THE
21 PROCESS IN-HOUSE FOR APPROVING TRANSACTIONS THAT ULTIMATELY
22 END UP IN ISSUING CHECKS. OBVIOUSLY, I UNDERSTAND HOW THE
23 PROGRAM WORKS THERE AND THROUGH THE AGENCIES, AND WE CAN LOOK
24 VERY CAREFULLY TO SEE IF THERE'S A WAY THAT WE CAN DO IT SO
25 THAT IT DOESN'T IMPAIR THEM DURING THE PROGRAM SIDE, THE



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1 AGENCIES. I AM QUITE CONCERNED THAT TO HAVE FOUND OUT, NOT
2 KNOWING AND FOUND OUT THAT THEY WERE ENTERING JACKSON, OF
3 COURSE IN ONE CASE THAT RESULTED IN FRAUD. BUT WE -- WE CAN
4 LOOK AT OPTIONS FOR CONTROLS AND CLOSE, CLOSE MONITORING OF
5 THOSE AGENCIES. THIS IS A VERY UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE, WHERE AN
6 OUTSIDE AGENCY WOULD BE INPUTTING INFORMATION THAT WOULD
7 DIRECTLY ISSUE CHECKS, AND UNFORTUNATELY, SOMEONE TOOK
8 ADVANTAGE OF THAT.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, WHAT IMPACT WOULD THIS POLICY HAVE ON
11 MAXIMUS, CRYSTAL STARES, M.A.O.F., C.C.F.S. AND OTHERS?

12

13 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** I DON'T THINK MOST OF THOSE -- I WOULD LOOK
14 AT EACH ONE OF THOSE AND MAKE SURE. I THINK THE VALUE OF THE
15 SURVEY WAS TO BRING EACH ONE OF THOSE TO LIGHT AND LOOK AT
16 EACH ONE. MANY TIMES, THE CHECKS ARE ACTUALLY ISSUED BY THE
17 DEPARTMENT AND -- OR EMPLOYEES. MOST TIMES. THIS IS VERY
18 UNUSUAL TO HAVE THE CHECKS BEING ISSUED BY A CONTRACTOR.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD THERE STILL BE GEARS TERMINALS AT
21 EACH ONE OF THESE ENTITIES?

22

23 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF -- UNLESS WE DECIDED
24 THAT WE WOULD LEAVE THEM AND CONTROL THEM BETTER. THE ONLY
25 PURPOSE OF BEING THERE WOULD BE TO APPROVE TRANSACTIONS THAT



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1 WOULD RESULT IN THE DEPARTMENT DECIDING WHETHER -- AND
2 APPROVING THE CHECK AS OPPOSED TO THEM.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT IMPACT WILL THIS HAVE IN TERMS OF
5 GETTING THE CHECKS OUT AND HOW WILL THIS WORK?

6

7 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** I SENSE, SUPERVISORS, THAT'S WHY THEY
8 PROBABLY WENT TO THE SYSTEM THEY HAVE. THEY MAY NOT HAVE BEEN
9 SATISFIED WITH THE SPEED WITH WHICH THE CHECKS WERE BEING
10 ISSUED, AND THAT ISSUE WOULD BE A KEY TO DETERMINING WHETHER
11 OR NOT BRINGING THE CHECKS IN-HOUSE WOULD ACTUALLY WORK.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING, INITIALLY, THERE
14 WAS PROBLEMS WITH THE MANUAL CARDS AT EACH SITE. AND THAT'S
15 THE REASON THEY PUT THEM IN.

16

17 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** I THINK THAT -- THAT WAS MY SENSE IT'S
18 PROBABLY -- I WAS NEVER ABLE TO FIND EXACTLY WHY, BUT IT WAS -
19 - A MOST LOGICAL REASON WOULD HAVE BEEN TO SPEED UP THE
20 ISSUANCE OF CHECKS.

21

22 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** SO WHAT DO YOU SEE AS WHERE WE'RE GOING?
23 AND WE WANT TO REDUCE FRAUD, WE WANT TO ELIMINATE FRAUD.
24 HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE TO GET THE CHECKS OUT. HOW DO YOU PROPOSE?
25 DO YOU PROPOSE IT TO BE DONE BY HAND NOW?



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2 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** I WANT TO LOOK AT WHETHER OR NOT THAT CAN
3 BE DONE EFFICIENTLY SO THAT IT WILL NOT IMPAIR THE PROGRAM, SO
4 THERE WON'T BE LONG LAG TIMES IN THE CHECK ISSUANCES. IF
5 THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE, THEN WE WILL HAVE TO ISSUE A -- I MEAN
6 WE'LL HAVE TO ADOPT A MONITORING SYSTEM AROUND IT THAT'S VERY,
7 VERY TIGHT, MUCH MORE THAN IT WAS, SO THAT WE WOULD
8 IMMEDIATELY GET REPORTS OUT OF THE SYSTEM THAT WOULD TELL US
9 IF SOME IRREGULARITIES WERE OCCURRING.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** D.P.S.S. IS TELLING US IT'LL COST MILLIONS
12 IF WE ADOPT THIS APPROACH THAT'S BEING SUGGESTED BY SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH. IS THAT CORRECT?

14

15 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** I DON'T THINK SO, BUT IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE
16 PART OF THE STUDY YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE COST OF
17 DOING IT WOULD BE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD YOU BE
20 AGREEABLE TO HAVE US TO CONTINUE THIS AND HAVE A REPORT BACK
21 ON EXACTLY THE TOTAL COST OF IT?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SURE.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE FOR YOU
2 TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST AND PERHAPS COME UP
3 WITH SOME ALTERNATIVE?

4

5 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** WE'RE STILL FINISHING THE INVESTIGATION,
6 SUPERVISOR, BUT WE'LL WORK IT AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN YOU DO IT IN 30 DAYS?

9

10 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** I THINK WE CAN COME BACK WITH SOMETHING
11 YES.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WOULD YOU HAVE AN OBJECTION TO
14 THAT, IF YOU COME BACK WITH 30 DAYS TO GIVE US AN IDEA OF HOW
15 WE WOULD -- WHAT SYSTEM WE WOULD USE, WE DON'T WANT TO GO BACK
16 TO THE OLD HAND/NOTES, AND AT THE SAME TIME, WE WANT TO
17 ELIMINATE THE FRAUD TO COME UP WITH SOME APPROACH AND ALSO THE
18 APPROACH THAT'S BEING SUGGESTED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
19 EXACTLY WHAT THE COST WOULD BE.

20

21 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** OKAY.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
24 IT'S CONTINUED FOR 30 DAYS.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF WE DON'T DO IT, WHAT'S THE IMPACT.

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3 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** YES, CERTAINLY.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AUGUST 26TH. WELL, I GUESS IF THE FRAUD --
6 WHAT WAS THE -- SO FAR, WHAT HAVE WE IDENTIFIED IS THE COST IN
7 THE FRAUD SO FAR?

8

9 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** IT'S IN THE RANGE OF A COUPLE OF HUNDRED
10 THOUSAND, SUPERVISOR.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH. SO IT'S ABOUT A HUNDRED THOUSAND TO
13 TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND? IF THIS IS TWO MILLION, THREE MILLION,
14 WE'VE GOT TO REALLY LOOK AT THE WHOLE SYSTEM. ALL RIGHT.

15

16 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** YEAH. SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, AS
17 YOU'RE AWARE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. AND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

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21 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** THREE PEOPLE.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THREE PEOPLE?

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25 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** THREE PEOPLE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH. AND SO WE CERTAINLY WANT TO
3 ELIMINATE FRAUD BUT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THESE THINGS IN TERMS
4 OF THE COST AND BALANCING THEM OUT. ALL RIGHT. AND CERTAINLY
5 SOME OF IT MAY BE THE WAY TO APPROACH IT IS CRIMINALLY.

6

7 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** NO THE BALANCING THE COST OF IT WITH THE
8 SECURITY IS MY BIGGEST CONCERN SO.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT, YES. ALL RIGHT. AUGUST
11 26TH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. 65.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE 76. YOU'RE HOLDING 76-B AND A LOT
16 OF PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO LEAVE. DO YOU MIND BRINGING THAT UP? I
17 THINK THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE TO TESTIFY ON IT. IS 65
18 VERY SHORT, OR...

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONLY ONE PERSON.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE 65. WHO IS THAT? JUAN
23 -- WE'LL TAKE 65, AND THEN WE'LL GO INTO 76-B. OH WARREN
24 WILLIAMS, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME UP? AND YOU CAN ADD WHATEVER
25 YOU WERE GOING TO SAY ABOUT 21.



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2 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR AND RECOGNIZING --

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE HOLDING 65 AND 68, AND ALSO YOU HAD
5 ASKED FOR US TO SET ASIDE 21-B, BUT WHATEVER COMMENTS YOU WERE
6 GOING TO MAKE ON 21-B WHICH WAS PASSED YOU CAN JUST INCLUDE
7 THOSE.

8

9 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** OKAY, FIRST OF ALL WE ASK FOR A
10 RECONSIDERATION ON 21, AND THAT THE REASON BEING IS BECAUSE
11 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AND WE'RE LOOKING
12 AT SOME BETWEEN, IT LOOKS LIKE, ABOUT \$7 MILLION, AND IT'S
13 ALLEGING THAT WE NEED IT, FIRST OF ALL. YOU KNOW, THE BOARD
14 CONSTANTLY IS APPROVING A LOT OF THINGS, BUT WE HAVE VERY
15 SIMPLE FORMULA BEFORE US IN THIS ISSUE. THE FORMULA IS IS WE
16 HAVE A MIDDLEMAN IN BETWEEN THAT NOBODY NEEDS. DIRECT FUNDS
17 GOING FROM ONE PARENT TO ANOTHER PARENT WOULD ELIMINATE, HAVE
18 ALL THESE LITTLE PEOPLE AGAIN PAY ALL THESE SALARIES THAT IS
19 WASTING ALL THESE DOLLAR BILLS. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE
20 STAFFING THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT USING WAS ALREADY NOT
21 APPROVED IN THE BUDGET. NOW THE COUNTY IS SAYING, THERE'S NO
22 COST TO THE COUNTY, AND WHAT WE END UP HAVING IS WE'RE GOING
23 TO EXHAUST OR WASTE THIS TRUST FUND IN ORDER TO FUND IT. WELL,
24 NO COST TO THE COUNTY IS STILL COST TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE
25 TAXPAYERS. THAT'S STILL THEIR \$7 MILLION. SO IT IS A COST TO



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1 THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. AGAIN, THE SIMPLE FORMULA IS, IF
2 THIS COUNTY WOULD USE MINIMUM FUNDS TO ENSURE THE COURTS DO
3 THEIR JOB AND STOP THE CORRUPTION IN THE SYSTEM AND PROVIDE
4 MEDIATION SERVICES TO PARENTS MORE IN BOTH THE FAMILY COURTS
5 AND DEPENDENCY COURTS, YOU CAN BYPASS EVEN HAVING A CHILD
6 SUPPORT SYSTEM. WHAT YOU DO IS MAXIMIZING FUNDS GOING DIRECTLY
7 TO ONE PARENT TO ANOTHER PARENT AND ALSO MAXIMIZE A BALANCE IN
8 IT THAT MOTHERS ARE ALSO PROPERLY HELPING TO FUND THEIR
9 CHILDREN, WHICH WOULD STOP A LOT OF FALSE ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD
10 FROM MOTHERS, THEY END UP USING IT SIMPLY TO GET FUNDING SO.

11
12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE'S NO -- IS THERE A MOTION?
13 THERE IS NO MOTION I'M SORRY, TO RECONSIDER. GO ON TO THE NEXT
14 ITEM WHICH IS 65.

15
16 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** 65 IS BASICALLY ADDRESSING WHERE THE SHERIFF
17 IS IDENTIFIED OF BEING SOMEWHAT OF A QUALITY SERVICE IN THIS
18 POLICING AND POLICING SERVICES. WELL, WE ARE DEALING WITH THE
19 DONOVAN JACKSON CASE. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE
20 COMMUNITY, IN THE COUNTY OF L.A., TERRIFIED OF THE SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT. WE'RE WASTING MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
22 CLAIMING WE'RE STOPPING GANG VIOLENCE, WHEN THESE FUNDS NEED
23 TO BE GOING TO AGAIN DIRECT HUMAN SERVICES, TO BETTER HOUSING,
24 TO QUALITY LIVING, TO HEALTHCARE. WE DON'T NEED MORE POLICE;
25 WE NEED MORE COMMON SENSE. WE NEED PEOPLE TO SIMPLY LOOK AT



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1 THE PRACTICAL REALITIES OF WHAT WILL HELP PEOPLE ELIMINATE THE
2 PROBLEMS AND STOP FUNDING THE PROBLEMS AND INVEST IN
3 SOLUTIONS. SO, IT CERTAINLY SHOULD BE OPPOSED. THIS COUNTY HAS
4 TO TAKE MORE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROPERLY REPRESENT THE MONEY
5 AND PROPERLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REALLY MEET NEEDS AND AGAIN
6 PROVIDE SOLUTIONS. SO, WE COULD GO INTO THE DETAIL OF THE
7 COMPLEXITY WHICH ALSO WASTES THE MONEY OF ALL THE PAPERWORK,
8 OF THE STAFF THAT'S TYPING ALL THIS UP, WHEN IT'S JUST COMMON
9 SENSE ISSUES THAT CAN CUT THROUGH A LOT OF THIS, AND AGAIN,
10 JUST FUND THE VERY FRAMEWORK OF WHAT IS COMMON SENSE SECURITY
11 INCREMENTITIES. AS WELL, MOST AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND MINORITIES
12 REALIZE WE NEED OUR OWN SECURITY, BECAUSE MOST SECURITY IS
13 RACIST, IT'S THERE TO PRESERVE THE STATUS QUO. WHEN YOU'RE
14 INSIDE THE COURTROOMS AND HOSPITALS AND PUBLIC FACILITY WHERE
15 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS, THEY DON'T SUPPORT THE PARENTS
16 WHEN JUDGES LIKE JUDGE ODERKIRK, DEPARTMENT 67 COMMIT FRAUD
17 AND PERJURY, SUPPRESS EVIDENCE OF A PERSON'S FITNESS AND DON'T
18 FOLLOW THE LAW. SO THEN WHY SHOULD SUCH A JUDGE BE FUNDED AND
19 WHY SHOULD A SHERIFF BE PROTECTING THEM WHEN THEY'VE COMMITTED
20 A CRIME? SO AGAIN, WE NEED THE FUNDING TO GO DIRECTLY TO
21 PROVIDE REAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, NOT RACIST PEOPLE, NOT WHITE
22 SUPREMACY, BUT WE NEED LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT ENFORCES COMMON
23 SENSE LAWS, AGAIN THAT ENSURES REASONABLE AND PROPER AND
24 APPROPRIATE PROTECTION AND EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW. THE
25 CITIZENS HAVE AS MUCH A RIGHT TO THAT PROTECTION AND FUNDING



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1 THEM IS NOT GOING TO ENSURE THOSE TYPE OF QUALITY SERVICE AT
2 ALL. SO AGAIN, IT'S ANOTHER ILLUSTRATION OF COUNTY WASTE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A MOTION? MOVED BY
5 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
6 ORDERED. 68, PLEASE.

7

8 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** ITEM NUMBER 68 IS TO APPROVE THE STRATEGIC
9 PLAN FOR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A.
10 WELL, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT A STRATEGIC PLAN MEANS A PLAN IS
11 WELL THOUGHT OUT. IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT THE COUNTY'S GIVEN MUCH
12 THOUGHT IN BEING STRATEGIC HERE, BECAUSE, AGAIN, THESE
13 ENTITIES ARE IN PLACE AND WE HAVE THE GRAND JURY FINDING THAT
14 D.C.F.S. IS BROKEN AND FLAWED. WE HAVE THESE -- THE COUNTY --
15 THE CHILDREN'S COUNCIL, PLANNING COUNCIL, AND WE HAVE THE
16 CHILDREN'S COMMISSION AND OTHERS BEING FUNDED WHERE PEOPLE SAY
17 WE'RE MAKING GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS. WELL, HOW CAN THEY BE
18 MAKING GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN YOU HAVE THOUSANDS AND
19 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE COMPLAINING THE SYSTEM'S FLAWED. WHEN YOU
20 HAVE THE MEDIA EXPOSING ALL THE CORRUPTION THAT'S GOING ON,
21 CHILDREN BEING KILLED IN THE SYSTEM, NEGLECTED IN THE SYSTEM,
22 AND SO ON AND SO ON. HOW MANY CRIMES ARE BEING COMMITTED WHEN
23 THIS COUNTY SIT BACK AND SAY THE STRATEGIC PLAN IN THE
24 DEVELOPMENT OF UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL AND OTHER EFFORTS. AGAIN,
25 WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS HAVE THE FUNDS REDIRECTED IN A STRATEGIC



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1 PLAN TO EMPOWER PARENTS TO PROVIDE A SERVICE FOR THEIR CHILD.
2 WE NEED A STRATEGIC PLAN THAT WILL HELP NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS
3 BEING ABLE TO BE INVOLVED IN THEIR CHILDREN'S LIVES AT SCHOOL.
4 WE DON'T NEED CHILDCARE THAT REMOVES THE PARENTS AWAY FROM THE
5 CHILDREN. A LOT OF PARENTS DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT THE
6 GOVERNMENT'S INTENT IS TO HAVE BOTH PARENTS WORKING WHILE THE
7 CHILDRENS ARE BEING NEGLECTED, AND TEND TO FUND PROCESSES
8 WHEREBY OTHER PEOPLE ARE GETTING PAID, SO THAT OUR CHILDREN
9 BECOME CHILDREN OF THE STATE. SO THEREFORE, BY CONTINUING TO
10 CREATE ALL OF THESE MIDDLE ENTITIES IN BETWEEN, AND PEOPLE
11 THINK WELL IT'S A GOOD THING TO HAVE CHILD CARE. SOMETIMES
12 THAT'S A -- I'M GLAD TO HAVE CHILDCARE SOMETIMES, BUT WHEN
13 CHILDCARE TAKES OVER PARENTING, WHEN THE CHILDCARE BECOMES
14 ANOTHER MAJOR INVESTMENT THEN AGAIN --

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I THINK YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED.

17

18 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** SO THE CONCLUSION OF THIS AGAIN IS THAT THESE
19 THINGS SHOULD NOT BE PLANNED IS NOT A STRATEGIC PLAN AND THIS
20 BOARD IS FAILING ITS COMMON SENSE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE
21 PUBLIC.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
25 ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND JUST FOR THE RECORD, WE'RE GOING TO
3 CONTINUE THIS TO SEPTEMBER 9TH.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEING CONTINUED. ALL RIGHT.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE]

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 76-B, ALL RIGHT, WE'LL CALL UP 76-B. WE
10 HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS.
11 ROSALIND GOLD, RAMONA RIPSTON, REVEREND ZEDAR BROADOUS. IF
12 THEY WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE. I WOULD SAY THAT ORDINARILY
13 THE COUNTY DOES NOT TAKE A POSITION ON BALLOT MEASURES OR
14 INITIATIVES THAT DO NOT AFFECT THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, IN THIS
15 INSTANCE, WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON COUNTY AND ON COUNTY
16 SERVICES AND ON COUNTY PROGRAMS PRESENTLY THAT WE WILL DISCUSS
17 LATER. BUT FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THIS PANEL AND WE
18 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

19

20 **ROSALIND GOLD:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND GOOD MORNING. I'M
21 ROSALIND GOLD, AND CHAIRPERSON BURKE, DISTINGUISHED BOARD
22 MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL
23 ASSOCIATION OF LATINO ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS,
24 N.A.L.E.O., AND ON BEHALF OF N.A.L.E.O., I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT
25 CHAIRPERSON BURKE'S RECOMMENDATION TO OPPOSE THE



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1 CLASSIFICATION OF RACE, ETHNICITY, COLOR, AND NATIONAL ORIGIN
2 INITIATIVE OR CRECNO. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THIS INITIATIVE
3 WILL HURT LATINOS AND ALL CALIFORNIANS BECAUSE WE'LL DEPRIVE
4 OR PUBLIC SERVICE -- SERVANTS OF THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO
5 MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS ON THE ISSUES FACING OUR COMMUNITIES.
6 AT N.A.L.E.O., WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE ISSUES THAT ARE
7 IMPORTANT TO LATINOS ARE THE SAME ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO
8 ALL RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION FOR
9 THEIR CHILDREN, THE HEALTHCARE THEIR FAMILY RECEIVES, THE
10 HOUSING IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
11 THEY HAVE. AND IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO ENACT EFFECTIVE AND
12 WELL-INFORMED POLICIES ON THESE ISSUES, OUR ELECTED AND
13 APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEED DATA AND INFORMATION THAT ASSESS THE
14 IMPACT OF THESE POLICIES ON THE COUNTY'S DIVERSE POPULATION
15 GROUPS. ONE OF THE MOST INSIDIOUS ASPECTS OF CRECNO NO IS THAT
16 IT DOESN'T JUST APPLY TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IT APPLIES
17 TO ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, TO ITS CITIES, TO ITS
18 COUNTIES, TO ITS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS, TO ITS SCHOOL
19 DISTRICTS AND ITS SPECIAL DISTRICTS, OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL
20 SUBDIVISION OR GOVERNMENTAL INSTRUMENTALITY. THUS, CRECNO WILL
21 NOT ONLY PREVENT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FROM COLLECTING
22 CRITICAL DATA, IT WILL ALSO IMPAIR THE ABILITY OF L.A. COUNTY
23 AND ALL OF ITS CITIES AND OTHER DISTRICTS. AS YOU'RE AWARE,
24 L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC SERVANTS USE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTY'S
25 DIVERSE POPULATION FOR A VARIETY OF PURPOSES, FOR EMPLOYMENT



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1 RECRUITMENT, TO TARGET EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGNS AND TO
2 PROTECT POPULATION CHANGES THAT AFFECT THE NEED FOR COUNTY AND
3 GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES. THE COLLECTION OF DATA BY POPULATION
4 GROUPS ALSO HELPS POLICY MAKERS DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT
5 THERE'S DISCRIMINATION BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND
6 HOW TO FASHION POLICIES THAT BEST ADDRESS THIS DISCRIMINATION.
7 CALIFORNIA IS ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST DIVERSE STATES, AND
8 L.A. COUNTY IS ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTIES WITHIN THE
9 STATE. AND IF CALIFORNIA PASSES CRECNO, OUR PUBLIC SERVANTS
10 WILL BE FORCED TO CHART A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTY
11 IN THE DARK. YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO EXPRESS YOUR
12 OPPOSITION TO CRECNO. WE URGE YOU TO SEIZE THAT OPPORTUNITY.
13 IN DOING SO, YOU'LL HELP ENSURE THAT ALL OF THE STATE'S
14 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS HAVE THE INFORMATION THEY NEED
15 TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP FOR THE STATE AND THE COUNTY. THANK YOU
16 VERY MUCH.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU
19 HERE.

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21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **RAMONA RIPSTON:** GOOD MORNING. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
24 BURKE FOR BRINGING PROPOSITION 54 TO THE ATTENTION OF THIS
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THEN IN TURN TO THE PUBLIC. I THINK



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1 MOST OF US IN THIS ROOM WOULD LIKE TO LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHERE
2 RACE DOES NOT MATTER, A SOCIETY WHERE WE ARE ALL TRULY
3 COLORBLIND, AND I BELIEVE EACH OF US DO WHAT WE CAN DO TO
4 ACHIEVE THAT SOCIETY. THAT'S WHY I FIND IT STRANGE THAT WE ARE
5 HERE TODAY DISCUSSING THE CLASSIFICATION OF RACE, ETHNICITY,
6 AND NATIONAL ORIGIN INITIATIVE. THIS INITIATIVE PURPORTS TO
7 CREATE A COLORBLIND SOCIETY, BUT AS MANY OF US IN THIS ROOM
8 KNOW, YOU CANNOT CREATE SUCH A SOCIETY WITH THE WAVE OF A HAND
9 OR THE ENACTMENT OF A SINGLE LAW. SOME OF US HAVE BEEN WORKING
10 TOWARDS THIS GOAL FOR THE BETTER PART OF OUR LIVES, AND,
11 SADLY, WE CANNOT SAY THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED IT. WARD CONNERLY'S
12 INITIATIVE WILL NOT HELP US MOVE FORWARD; IT WILL ONLY TURN
13 BACK THE CLOCK. YEARS OF HARD WORK FOUGHT AND HARD VICTORIES
14 WON AND GAINS IN THE AREAS OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES
15 WILL STALL UNDER THIS INITIATIVE. PROPOSITION 54 WILL NOT END
16 DISCRIMINATION, IT WILL ONLY OBSCURE IT. CONSIDER, FOR
17 EXAMPLE, HATE CRIMES. SHORTLY AFTER THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF 9-11,
18 THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
19 CALLED A MEETING WITH MANY DIVERSE GROUPS IN THE SOUTHERN
20 CALIFORNIA AREA. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS DEEP FEAR AMONG
21 VARIOUS COMMUNITIES, A FEAR THAT THEY WOULD BE SINGLED OUT AND
22 TARGETED FOR THEIR APPEARANCE, FOR THEIR LANGUAGE, FOR THEIR
23 DRESS, AND FOR THEIR RELIGION. AND, AS WE ALL KNOW, THEIR
24 FEARS WERE WELL-FOUNDED. THIS COUNTRY EXPERIENCED A RASH OF
25 HATE CRIMES SHORTLY THEREAFTER. SINCE 9-11, THE U.S.



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1 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS INVESTIGATED APPROXIMATELY 380
2 INCIDENTS INVOLVING VIOLENCE OR THREATS TOWARDS SOUTH ASIANS,
3 MUSLIM-AMERICANS, AND ARAB-AMERICANS. CONNOLLY'S INITIATIVE
4 WOULD LEAVE US BLIND TO INCIDENTS OF HATE. IT WOULD HAVE US
5 PRETEND THE PROBLEM DOESN'T EXIST RATHER THAN DEAL WITH IT.
6 THIS EXTENDS TO OTHER AREAS. TAKE EDUCATION, FOR EXAMPLE.
7 WHILE ALMOST 50 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE SUPREME COURT' 'S
8 LANDMARK BROWN VERSUS BOARD EDUCATION RULING, GROSS INIQUITIES
9 CONTINUE TO PLAGUE OUR CALIFORNIA EDUCATION SYSTEM. TO BE
10 SURE, WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS IN THIS SOCIETY, BUT FAR TOO
11 MANY OF OUR CHILDREN ATTEND OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS WITH TOILETS
12 THAT DON'T WORK, TEXTBOOKS THAT ARE OUT OF DATE, AND UNTRAINED
13 TEACHERS. WE KNOW THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE STUDENTS WHO
14 ATTEND SUCH SCHOOLS ARE LATINO OR AFRICAN-AMERICANS.
15 PROPOSITION 54 WOULD HAVE US TURN A BLIND EYE TO THESE
16 STUDENTS, AND THE OBSTACLES THEY FACE. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT
17 IT, THIS PROPOSITION HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH PRIVACY AND
18 EVERYTHING TO DO WITH CLOAKING INEQUALITY. THIS NATION HAS
19 SEEN SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN SECURING CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL
20 LIBERTIES FOR GROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN TRADITIONALLY DENIED THEM.
21 WE MUST NOT TURN BACK NOW. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS ONE OF THE
22 MOST DIVERSE AREAS IN THE NATION. OUR DIVERSITY IS OUR
23 STRENGTH. IT IS NOT SOMETHING WE SHOULD HIDE. I URGE THE BOARD
24 TO TAKE A STRONG STAND AGAINST PROPOSITION 54, AND I AM RAMONA



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1 RIPSTON, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN
2 CALIFORNIA.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BEFORE REVEREND
5 BROADUS SPEAKS COULD WE HAVE DAVID BARCLAY AND KIMBERLY WEST-
6 FAULCON COME FORWARD? WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD AND TAKE A
7 SEAT, REVEREND BROADUS?

8

9 **REVEREND ZEDAR BROADUS:** I'M REVEREND ZEDAR BROADOUS, AND I
10 WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR ALLOWING US TO BE HERE
11 TODAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. ACKNOWLEDGE MY SUPERVISOR,
12 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AND THE OTHER SUPERVISOR OUT THERE IN
13 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I'M HERE TODAY
14 REPRESENTING THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS.
15 THE COMMISSION VOTED TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
16 TO OPPOSE THIS PROPOSITION 54. BASICALLY, 54 WOULD MAKE
17 ILLEGAL THE COMMISSION'S COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF ANNUAL
18 HATE CRIME DATA FOR L.A. COUNTY. AS WELL, PROP 54, IF PASSED,
19 WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO DEVELOP SOUND
20 PUBLIC POLICY, AND ADVERSELY AFFECT A WIDE ARRAY OF SERVICES,
21 SUCH AS THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAM OF VICTIM -- EXCUSE ME. HATE
22 CRIME VICTIMS AND ALSO THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION OF
23 VICTIMS OF RACE-BASED HATE CRIMES. THE COMMISSION TRACKS THIS
24 INFORMATION AND USING THIS INFORMATION WE ARE ABLE TO LOOK AT
25 EMERGING INTER-GROUP CONFLICTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN HOPES



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1 OF ADDRESSING THEM AND KEEPING DOWN THE CONFLICT. WE KNOW THAT
2 WE MUST EDUCATE THE VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY SO THAT THEY WILL BE
3 ABLE TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ON THESE -- THIS BALLOT
4 MEASURE. I KNOW THAT IT WILL GO A LONG WAY IN SENDING A
5 POWERFUL MESSAGE WHEN YOU, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TAKE A
6 STAND TO VOTE TO OPPOSE THIS PROPOSITION, WHICH WOULD
7 ADVERSELY AFFECT NOT ONLY THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN
8 RELATIONS, BUT L.A. COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT, HOUSING, BUSINESS, AND EMPLOYMENT AND MORE. WE
10 HAVE TODAY, SUPERVISORS, THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT
11 ARE IN SUPPORT OF YOUR MOTION OPPOSING THE CRECNO INITIATIVE.
12 THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO SPEAK ON THE IMPACT OF THIS
13 INITIATIVE TO THEIR PARTICULAR DEPARTMENTS. THEY ARE DR.
14 GARTHWAITE FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR. SOUTHARD FROM THE
15 MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SHERIFF
16 BACA'S, BRYCE YOKOMIZO FROM THE D.P.S.S., DENNIS TAFOYA FROM
17 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND DARLENE ROBLIS FROM THE L.A.C.O., THE
18 L..A.C.O. SUPERINTENDENT. WE ALSO HAVE DAVID BARCLAY WHO WAS
19 THE FORMER CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION'S CORPORATE ADVISORY
20 COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT OF THE BUSINESS -- NATIONAL BUSINESS
21 ROUND TABLE. ALSO HERE TODAY WITH ME IS SUZANNE CUMMINGS, WHO
22 IS A COMMISSIONER IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT. IT IS THE
23 RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION AND MY PRAYER THAT YOU VOTE
24 TO OPPOSE THIS PROPOSITION, THIS SO-CALLED RACIAL PRIVACY
25 INITIATIVE. AS A BLACK MAN, I CANNOT KEEP MY RACE PRIVATE.



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1 KEEP IN MIND THAT DESPITE THE PROGRESSES WE'VE MADE AS A
2 SOCIETY, HATE CRIMES STILL EXIST. DESPITE OUR LAWS,
3 DISCRIMINATION CONTINUES IN THE WORKPLACE. DESPITE YOUR WORK
4 THAT THE HOUSING MARKET IS STILL NOT FREE OF DISCRIMINATION,
5 AND HOW DO WE KNOW THIS? BECAUSE WE HAVE THE DATA. HOW DO WE
6 KNOW THAT THERE IS PROGRESS? BECAUSE WE HAVE THE DATA. IF WE
7 ALLOW THIS PROPOSITION TO GO FORWARD, WE WILL NO LONGER BE
8 ABLE TO COLLECT THE DATA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'D LIKE TO ASK HECTOR VILLAGRA
11 TO COME IN TO TAKE REVEREND BROADUS' PLACE, YES. PLEASE STATE
12 YOUR NAME PLEASE.

13

14 **KIMBERLY WEST-FAULCON:** I AM KIMBERLY WEST-FAULCON, DIRECTOR OF
15 THE WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE N.A.A.C.P. LEGAL DEFENSE
16 AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, L.D.F. L.D.F. OPPOSES THE CONNOLLY
17 CRECNO INITIATIVE BECAUSE IT IS AN UNNECESSARY, WASTEFUL, AND
18 DANGEROUS ATTEMPT TO AMEND THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION. IT
19 WILL DEPRIVE THE STATE OF VITAL INFORMATION ORGANIZATIONS LIKE
20 THE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND NEED TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATION. AS AN
21 ATTORNEY, I KNOW THE HARD CASES ARE THOSE WHEN THE FACTS ARE
22 ALL LINED UP, REASONABLE MINDS CAN STILL DISAGREE. THIS IS NOT
23 A HARD CASE. MAKING IT ILLEGAL FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO
24 KEEP BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IS NOT REASONABLE. THERE
25 ARE NOT GOOD ARGUMENTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS DEBATE.



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1 PROPOSERS OF THIS MEASURE HAVE JUST PUT A CATCHY TITLE ON A
2 VERY BAD IDEA. AND THIS IDEA IS SO BAD THE ANTI-AFFIRMATIVE
3 ACTION, TOM WOODS, CO-AUTHOR OF PROP 209, AGREES WITH LEGAL
4 DEFENSE FUND ATTORNEYS WHO ARGUED IN FAVOR OF AFFIRMATIVE
5 ACTION IN THE RECENT SUPREME COURT CASE. L.D.F. ASKED THIS
6 BOARD TO OPPOSE THIS ILL-CONCEIVED MEASURE. WE DO, BASED ON
7 OUR LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO MAKING EQUAL JUSTICE A REALITY
8 FOR PEOPLE OF ALL RACES. AS AN L.D.F. ATTORNEY, I HAVE
9 REPRESENTED CLIENTS OF ALL RACES: BLACKS, WHITE, LATINO,
10 ASIAN-AMERICAN. I NEED CERTAIN TYPES OF DATA TO DO MY JOB.
11 BELIEVE IT OR NOT, BEFORE L.D.F. SUED THE UNIVERSITY OF
12 CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, THAT INSTITUTION DID NOT CONSIDER
13 FACTORS LIKE WELL-WRITTEN ESSAYS, WHETHER YOU WERE STUDENT
14 BODY PRESIDENT OR WHETHER YOU WERE THE FIRST IN YOUR FAMILY TO
15 ATTEND COLLEGE. IN FACT, AFTER PROP 209, U.C. BERKELEY WENT
16 FARTHER THAN ELIMINATING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION. IT BEGAN
17 DISCRIMINATING AGAINST BLACK, LATINO, AND FILIPINO APPLICANTS.
18 NOW, BERKELEY CONSIDERS THE ENTIRE APPLICANT FILE, NOT JUST A
19 FEW NUMBERS. OUR CASE MADE THE PROCESS FAIRER FOR APPLICANTS
20 OF ALL RACES. THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE IF THIS
21 INITIATIVE HAD BEEN IN PLACE. I NEED CERTAIN TYPES OF DATA TO
22 REPRESENT STUDENTS WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO COLLEGE PREP
23 COURSES BECAUSE THEIR HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE LARGE NUMBERS OF
24 AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND LATINOS. I NEED CERTAIN TYPES OF DATA TO
25 REPRESENT CLIENTS WITH EXCELLENT CREDIT, WHO PAY TOO MUCH ON



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1 THEIR HOME LOANS BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE. WE NEED RACIAL DATA TO
2 SHOW WHERE AND HOW OFTEN PEOPLE OF CERTAIN RACES ARE RACIALLY
3 PROFILED IN THIS STATE OR DENIED EMPLOYMENT OR JOB PROMOTIONS
4 BASED ON THEIR RACE. IN THE SAME WAY, THE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
5 ARE TELLING YOU THAT THIS INITIATIVE ENDANGERS THE HEALTH OF
6 CALIFORNIANS OF ALL RACES. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT THIS
7 INITIATIVE ENDANGERS THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF CALIFORNIANS OF ALL
8 RACES. VERY FEW OF US COULD KEEP OUR RACE SECRET, EVEN IF WE
9 WANTED TO, SO THIS INITIATIVE IS NOT ABOUT SO-CALLED RACIAL
10 PRIVACY. THIS IS NOT ABOUT MOVING TOWARD A COLORBLIND SOCIETY.
11 THIS IS ABOUT GOING BACK TO A TIME WHEN WE CLOSED OUR EYES TO
12 RACE DISCRIMINATION AND PRETENDED IT WAS NOT THERE. L.D.F.
13 COMMENDS SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR INTRODUCING THIS MEASURE AND
14 URGES THE BOARD TO JOIN US IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 54.
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK
18 JOANNE LEVITT TO PLEASE COME FORWARD. THANK YOU.

19

20 **DAVID BARCLAY:** MY NAME IS DAVID BARCLAY, I'M THE FORMER CHAIR
21 OF THE CORPORATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE HUMAN RELATIONS
22 COMMISSION, ALSO A RETIRED CORPORATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR HUGHES
23 ELECTRONICS CORPORATION. AND I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO
24 ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE THE CRECNO INITIATIVE FOR A
25 NUMBER OF REASONS. CLEARLY, AS YOU UNDERSTAND, IF PASSED, IT'S



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1 GOING TO PROHIBIT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM COLLECTING,
2 MAINTAINING, AND ANALYZING DATA. IF MR. CONNOLLY AND HIS
3 SUPPORTERS ARE TRULY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRIVACY AND THE
4 COLLECTION OF DATA, WHY HASN'T HE PROHIBITED THE COLLECTION OF
5 DATA BY AGE, GENDER, INCOME, GEOGRAPHY? WHY HAS HE FOCUSED
6 SOLELY ON RACE AND NATIONAL ORIGIN? I'VE HAD THE UNIQUE
7 OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING IN BOTH THE GOVERNMENT CIVIL RIGHTS
8 ORGANIZATION, THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
9 COMMISSION IN THE EARLY 1960S, AND THEN I WORKED FOR HUGHES
10 AIRCRAFT, NOW KNOWN AS HUGHES ELECTRONICS FOR NEARLY 28 YEARS,
11 AND I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE IMPORTANCE OF DATA AND THE
12 ABILITY TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS AS A RESULT
13 OF DATA. IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, IF IT ISN'T MEASURED, THEN
14 IT ISN'T IMPORTANT. THERE ARE SOME WHO'VE SUGGESTED WE'VE
15 ACHIEVED A COLORBLIND SOCIETY AND NO LONGER NEED TO COLLECT
16 DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AND TO FILL IN THOSE, QUOTE, SILLY LITTLE
17 BOXES, CLOSED QUOTE, AS WARD CONNOLLY HAS SUGGESTED. I WOULD
18 ASK, WHAT IS A COLORBLIND SOCIETY? WE TALK ABOUT THIS TERM
19 LOOSELY, BUT WE NEVER DEFINE WHAT IT REALLY MEANS. DOES IT
20 MEAN WE IGNORE THE OBVIOUS? OUR COLORS, OUR DISTINCTIVE
21 CHARACTERISTICS, OUR CULTURES? THE VERY STRENGTH OF OUR
22 COMMUNITY, OUR INCREASING DIVERSITY. DOES IT MEAN THAT WE
23 IGNORE THE REALITY OF OUR INCREASINGLY SEGREGATED PUBLIC
24 SCHOOLS AND HOUSING PATTERNS, OUR UNEQUAL HEALTHCARE, CRIMINAL
25 JUSTICE SYSTEM, IN THE RISE OF HATE CRIME IN OUR COMMUNITY? I



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1 WOULD HOPE NOT. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS INITIATIVE ARE FAR
2 REACHING AND MUCH MORE COMPLEX THAN THE SIMPLISTIC VIEW OF THE
3 AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS COALITION. IT IS FAR MORE COMPLEX THAN
4 THE MISREPRESENTATION OF QUOTES FROM THE LIKES OF MARTIN
5 LUTHER KING AND THOROGOOD MARSHAL, WHICH THE SUPPORTERS OF
6 THIS INITIATIVE CONSTANTLY USE. THE SUBJECT OF RACE IS FAR TOO
7 COMPLEX TO BE LEFT TO THE SIMPLISTIC DREAMS AND VISIONS AND
8 THE SIMPLE STATEMENT "I SUPPORT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND
9 DIVERSITY." AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE SUPREME COURT RECENTLY RULED
10 IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CASES THAT DIVERSITY IS A
11 COMPELLING STATE INTEREST. YOU AS SUPERVISORS IN OUR COUNTY
12 CLEARLY UNDERSTAND YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DEVELOP PUBLIC
13 POLICY THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF ALL GROUPS. ONE SIZE,
14 ONE SOLUTION DOES NOT FIT ALL. IT IS NAIVE AND DETRIMENTAL TO
15 OUR COMMUNITY TO BELIEVE THAT ONE PUBLIC POLICY STRATEGY CAN
16 APPLY TO EVERY GROUP. DO WE WANT TO STOP COLLECTING
17 DEMOGRAPHIC AND POPULATION TRENDS IN OUR COUNTY? DO WE WANT TO
18 STOP EDUCATORS FROM COLLECTING AND UTILIZING DATA TO MEASURE
19 OUR STUDENTS' PERFORMANCE LEVELS AND DROPOUT RATES THAT MAY BE
20 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTING CERTAIN ETHNIC GROUPS. THERE IS A
21 MYRIAD OF DATA AND ISSUES THAT WE MUST CONCERN OURSELVES WITH,
22 AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE DETRIMENTAL IMPACT
23 THIS INITIATIVE WILL HAVE ON OUR COMMUNITY. IGNORANCE IS NOT
24 THE ANSWER OR SOLUTION. I HOPE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
25 OPPOSE THIS INITIATIVE AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY VIEWS ON THIS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
2 ISSUE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD JAMES CASTILLO
5 PLEASE COME FORWARD? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

6

7 **HECTOR VILLAGRA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HECTOR VILLAGRA, AND
8 ON BEHALF OF MALDEF, THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND
9 EDUCATIONAL FUND, I'M HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR BURKE'S
10 MOTION TO OPPOSE THE CONNOLLY INITIATIVE, NOW DESIGNATED AS
11 PROPOSITION 54. PROPOSITION 54 WOULD HAVE A DEVASTATING IMPACT
12 ON THE HEALTH OF ALL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THIS COUNTY AND THE
13 STATE. IT WOULD ELIMINATE INFORMATION NEEDED TO PROVIDE
14 QUALITY HEALTHCARE, TO TARGET PREVENTION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS,
15 AND TO PREVENT SUFFERING AND SAVE LIVES. DISEASE IS NOT
16 COLORBLIND, AND IT IS WHOLLY IRRESPONSIBLE TO PRESENT
17 OTHERWISE, TO IGNORE THE DISEASE PATTERNS VERY GREATLY BETWEEN
18 RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS. FOR EXAMPLE, RATES OF CERVICAL
19 CANCER AMONG CERTAIN GROUPS ARE EXTREMELY HIGH. VIETNAMESE
20 WOMEN HAVE THE HIGHEST RATES AND LATINO WOMEN, THE NEXT
21 HIGHEST. IF DETECTED EARLY, CERVICAL CANCER IS TREATABLE.
22 WITHOUT DATA ABOUT THE RACE AND ETHNICITY OF THESE CANCER
23 VICTIMS WE WILL BE UNABLE TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL
24 PROGRAMS TO OVERCOME ANY CULTURAL OR LANGUAGE BARRIERS THAT
25 STAND IN THE WAY OF TREATMENT AND COUNTLESS WOMEN WILL SUFFER



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1 AND DIE NEEDLESSLY. CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING IS A DEVASTATING
2 BUT ENTIRELY PREVENTABLE DISEASE. STATE STATISTICS SHOW
3 CHILDREN OF COLOR GET POISONED THREE TO FOUR TIMES AS OFTEN AS
4 WHITE CHILDREN. WHEN A RECENT LEAD POISONING EPIDEMIC HIT
5 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT PUBLIC
6 HEALTH OFFICIALS SOUGHT TO KNOW WAS THE RACE AND ETHNICITY OF
7 THE KIDS GETTING POISONED. THEY DETERMINED THAT THE KIDS WERE
8 PREDOMINANTLY LATINO, AND LATER TRACKED THE PROBLEM TO LEAD-
9 BASED CANDY WRAPPERS FROM MEXICO. THE DATA ON RACE AND
10 ETHNICITY SAVED HUNDREDS OF KIDS FROM SUFFERING BRAIN DAMAGE.
11 PROPOSITION 54 WOULD ALSO HAVE A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON THE
12 STRUGGLE FOR EDUCATION EQUITY. WE KNOW THAT ALL STUDENTS DON'T
13 RECEIVE THE SAME EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND THAT THERE'S A
14 LARGE ACHIEVEMENT GAP. WE KNOW THAT LATINO AND AFRICAN-
15 AMERICAN CHILDREN HAVE LESS ACCESS TO TRAINED TEACHERS, THAT
16 THEY ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY ENROLLED IN OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS
17 AND SCHOOLS THAT OPERATE ON INFERIOR MULTI-TRACK CALENDARS,
18 THAT THEY HAVE LESS ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT IN OTHER
19 COURSES SO CLOSELY LINKED WITH COLLEGE ADMISSION AND
20 GRADUATION, THAT THEY DROP OUT OF SCHOOL AT STAGGERINGLY HIGH
21 RATES AND ARE MUCH LESS LIKELY TO PASS THE STATE'S HIGH SCHOOL
22 EXIT EXAM. WE KNOW ALL THESE THINGS BECAUSE THE STATE AND
23 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS NOW KEEP THE DATA. ELIMINATING THE DATA
24 WILL ONLY PREVENT US FROM KNOWING OF THE DISPARITIES, IT WILL
25 DO NOTHING TO HELP ELIMINATE THEM. INDEED IT WILL MAKE IT



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1 IMPOSSIBLE TO TARGET RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS TO THE CHILDREN
2 WHO SO DESPERATELY NEED THEM. IF THIS COUNTY, AND IF THIS
3 STATE GOVERNMENT ARE TRULY TO BE OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE,
4 AND FOR THE PEOPLE, WE MUST PROVIDE A PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM
5 THAT SERVES ALL OUR CHILDREN AND NOT JUST SOME, AND WE CAN'T
6 TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES THAT
7 PERSIST TO THIS DAY. ACCORDINGLY, FOR THESE AND MYRIAD OTHER
8 REASONS MALDEF STRONGLY URGES YOU TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
9 BURKE'S MOTION TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 54. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD GLADYS C. LEE
12 COME FORWARD? YES, STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

13

14 **JOANNE LEAVITT:** I'M JOANNE LEAVITT, AND I'M PRESIDENT OF THE
15 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I, AGAIN, WANT
16 TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR BRINGING THIS OPPOSITION TO
17 PROPOSITION 54 BEFORE US. INSTEAD OF LOOKING AT THIS BROADLY,
18 I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT ONE SMALL GROUP OF CHILDREN. ONE
19 SPECIFIC VIEWPOINT. I KNOW EACH OF YOU CARE PASSIONATELY ABOUT
20 THE FOSTER CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF THE COUNTY. SO DOES THE
21 LEAGUE, BOTH THIS COUNTY AND STATE LEVEL AND IN EVERY ONE OF
22 OUR LOCAL LEAGUES. I WAS CO-CHAIR OF OUR STATE STUDY OF THE
23 DEPENDENCY SYSTEM AND HAVE WORKED WITH YOUR STAFF AND
24 COMMISSIONS FOR MANY YEARS. EACH OF YOU HAVE DATA ON YOUR
25 DISTRICTS OF HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE IN FOSTER CARE, WHAT'S



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1 THEIR GENDER, RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITY ON EACH OF THEM. THE
2 ENTIRE SYSTEM IS DATA-DRIVEN AND ANYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH
3 PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION. RESEARCH WILL TELL YOU,
4 YOUR STAFF WILL TELL YOU, YOUR COMMISSION WILL TELL YOU THAT
5 FROM SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTION THAT WILL ALLOW THE CHILD TO
6 REMAIN IN THE FAMILY OR BE QUICKLY REPLACED WITH THE FAMILY,
7 THE WORKERS NEED TO KNOW THE CULTURE OF THE FAMILY, THIS
8 INCLUDES RACIAL AND ETHNIC DATA, AS WELL AS KNOWING OTHER
9 THINGS ABOUT THE CHILD. DOING GOOD RESEARCH THAT ENABLES US TO
10 DO THE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION, SOMETIMES GIVES US
11 INFORMATION THAT IS NOT COMFORTABLE BUT IT'S WHAT WE NEED. ARE
12 UNWANTED TEEN BIRTHS HIGHER IN ONE POPULATION THAN ANOTHER IN
13 YOUR DISTRICT? THE INTERVENTIONS WOULD BE DIFFERENT. WHICH
14 GROUP HAS THE GREATEST NUMBER OF GRANDPARENTS RAISING
15 GRANDCHILDREN THAT NEED SUPPORT. WHAT RACIAL, ETHNIC AND
16 LANGUAGE-BASED SUPPORT DO THEY NEED. I'VE BEEN GOING TO THE
17 SPA COUNCIL MEETINGS SINCE THEY WERE IN THEIR VERY FORMATIVE
18 STAGES, I SAT THROUGH MANY MEETINGS WITH JACKIE MCCROSKEY AND
19 OTHERS ABOUT DATABASE DECISION-MAKING. ALL OF OUR TRAINING HAS
20 BEEN HOW TO USE DATABASED INFORMATION IN MAKING OUR
21 RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS IS THE WAY YOU HAVE TRAINED US. I'M
22 USING THE COLLECTIVE "YOU", THE STAFF YOU HAVE HIRED AND THE
23 COMMISSIONERS HAVE YOU APPOINTED. TO SUPPORT PROP 54 WOULD BE
24 TO CONTRADICT EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR YEARS. IS THIS
25 THE MESSAGE THAT YOU WANT TO SEND, THAT DATA DOESN'T COUNT.



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1 AND I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE
2 MOTION AND THE LEAGUE WILL BE VERY ACTIVE IN PROVIDING THE
3 PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE INITIATIVE, ITS
4 REQUIREMENTS AND ITS IMPACTS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD WE HAVE REVEREND
7 NORMAN JOHNSON TO PLEASE COME FORWARD.

8

9 **JAMES CASTILLO:** HELLO MY NAME IS JAMES CASTILLO, AND I
10 REPRESENT THE LOS ANGELES URBAN LEAGUE AND JOHN MACK. FIRST OF
11 ALL, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR'S BURKE RECOMMENDATION AND
12 MOTION TO --- IN OPPOSITION TO THE RACIAL PRIVACY INITIATIVES.
13 BRIEFLY, TO HOLD ANY ORGANIZATION, AGENCY OR GROUP
14 ACCOUNTABLE, YOU MUST FIRST HAVE ACCURATE INFORMATION. BY
15 ELIMINATING MEASUREMENT TOOLS SUCH AS TRENDS AND STATISTICS,
16 YOU WILL BE UNDERMINING THE BASIC ELEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY.
17 ACCOUNTABILITY ALLOWS FOR SOLUTIONS BEFORE CRISIS. IN THE
18 HEALTH CARE ARENA, INFORMATION EQUALS PREVENTION AND EARLY
19 TREATMENT, WHICH IS CURRENTLY AT A CRITICAL STATE IN OUR
20 COMMUNITY. EDUCATION ARENA, INFORMATION EQUALS ACTION THAT
21 DRIVES ACHIEVEMENT. AND IN THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ARENA
22 INFORMATION QUICKLY IDENTIFIES DISPARITIES THAT ALLOWS FOR
23 ENFORCEMENT OF OUR CONSTITUENTS' CIVIL RIGHTS. WE CANNOT ALLOW
24 EROSION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND ALLOW FOR THE EROSION OF THE
25 TOOLS THAT LEAD TO ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE. CHAIRMAN, WE



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1 ENDORSE AND SUPPORT YOUR RECOMMENDATION, AND LOOK FORWARD TO
2 ANY SUPPORT WE CAN GET. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FINALLY WOULD PATRICIA
5 KELLY PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

6

7 **GLADYS LEE:** MY NAME IS GLADYS LEE. GOOD MORNING SUPERVISOR
8 BURKE AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THIS MORNING I AM REPRESENTING
9 PACIFIC CLINICS, ONE OF THE LARGEST CONTRACTOR OF MENTAL
10 HEALTH SERVICES WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
11 MENTAL HEALTH. THE CONNOLLY INITIATIVE IS BAD PUBLIC POLICY.
12 IT WILL TAKE AWAY IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND TOOLS FROM POLICY
13 MAKERS, ADMINISTRATORS, PLANNERS, FUNDERS AND HEALTH CARE
14 PROVIDERS. AN IMPORTANT CONCERN IN PLANNING FOR PUBLIC
15 SERVICES IN A COUNTY THAT IS AS DIVERSE AS LOS ANGELES IS THE
16 ABILITY TO CONTINUALLY ASSESS THE NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTH
17 SERVICES AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THOSE NEEDS ARE MET. AS A
18 PUBLIC SYSTEM WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING
19 ASSISTANCE CAN BE HELPED IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND COST-
20 EFFECTIVE MANNER POSSIBLE. A COMMON REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC
21 FUNDS IS THAT THE SUPPORTED PROGRAMS AFFORD POTENTIAL CLIENTS
22 EASY ACCESS TO SERVICES. THIS IS A NO-EASY FEAT IN A COUNTY AS
23 DIVERSE AS LOS ANGELES. IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY PLAN FOR
24 THESE SERVICES THERE IS A NEED TO DESCRIBE THE ISSUES TO BE
25 ADDRESSED AND TO HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE PERSONS TO BE



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1 SERVED. THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE AGE-RELATED, CULTURALLY
2 RELEVANT, PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE
3 APPROACHES TO ADDRESS MULTIPLE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION TO BE
4 SERVED. THIS IS IMMEDIATELY VALIDATED BY THE NEW FREEDOM
5 COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH JUST-RELEASED REPORT THAT CALLS
6 FOR A TRANSFORMATION OF THE ENTIRE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IN OUR
7 NATION. ONE OF THE MAJOR FINDINGS THAT THIS COMMISSION
8 REPORTED IS THE TREMENDOUS DISPARITIES BETWEEN DEMOGRAPHICS,
9 NEEDS AND ACTUAL UTILIZATION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,
10 ESPECIALLY AMONG ETHNIC MINORITIES. AS PART OF THE PLANNING
11 PROCESS THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
12 HEALTH HAS TO GO THROUGH, THEY ARE REQUIRED BY THE STATE TO
13 DEVELOP AND TO PREPARE A DETAILED PLAN THAT INCLUDE EXTENSIVE
14 DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF HOW THE COUNTY WOULD ENSURE
15 ACCESS TO SERVICES 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. ANOTHER
16 PLAN, CULTURAL COMPETENCY PLAN, ALSO HAS THE SAME MANDATE.
17 THIS PLAN REQUIRED THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A GAP ANALYSIS TO
18 IDENTIFY AREAS OF UNMET NEEDS. THE ANALYSIS DEAL WITH
19 POPULATION, PERCENTAGE OF MEDI-CAL ELIGIBLES, PRIMARY LANGUAGE
20 IS SPOKEN, AGE RANGES, AMONG OTHER FACTORS. WITHOUT ADEQUATE
21 DEMOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION, THE STATE'S MANDATES COULD NOT
22 HAVE BEEN MET AND PROGRAM PLANNING WOULD HAVE BEEN SEVERELY
23 LACKING. IN ADDITION, THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF MENTAL HEALTH
24 SERVICES DEMAND THAT THE MOST COMFORTABLE AND CONDUCIVE
25 ENVIRONMENT BE ESTABLISHED AT A TIME OF EMOTIONAL UPSET AND



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1 STRESS, HAVING SERVICES AVAILABLE IN A CONSUMER'S NATIVE
2 LANGUAGE CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE. AT THESE TIME THEY
3 ARE BEST ABLE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGES.
4 WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO COLLECT DESCRIPTIVE POPULATION DATA
5 ABOUT THE TARGET GROUPS, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ORGANIZE A
6 SYSTEM TO MEET BOTH CLINICAL PROGRAM AND CULTURALLY RELEVANT
7 STAFFING NEEDS. THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY OF PROVIDERS AND
8 ADVOCATES URGE YOU, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TO PLEASE CONTINUE
9 TO SUPPORT PUBLIC AGENCIES SO THEY'RE ALLOWED TO GATHER THE
10 NECESSARY DEMOGRAPHIC DATA TO BETTER INFORM ALL POLICY
11 DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAM PLANNING DECISIONS AND TO OPPOSE THE
12 CONNOLLY INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PATRICIA KELLY, DID
15 YOU COME FORWARD? PATRICK KELLY! NO WONDER YOU DIDN'T COME
16 FORWARD. PATRICK KELLY, AND REVEREND JOHNSON AND THEN PATRICK
17 KELLY WILL BE OUR FINAL SPEAKER. MR. WILLIAMS, I KNOW YOU SENT
18 IN A LETTER. I'D LIKE A REQUEST TO SPEAK -- I'D LIKE TO CALL
19 YOUR ATTENTION TO THE RULES ON THE BACK OF THE AGENDA, THE
20 COVER OF THE AGENDA AS IT RELATES TO NUMBERS OF ITEMS YOU CAN
21 SPEAK ON. YES?

22

23 **REVEREND NORMAN JOHNSON:** THANK YOU. TO THE CHAIRPERSON, TODAY,
24 SUPERVISOR BURKE AND TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF



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1 OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF GREATER LOS
2 ANGELES. MY NAME IS NORMAN JOHNSON, REVEREND NORMAN JOHNSON.
3 AND I SPEAK TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATION TO OPPOSE
4 THE RATIO PRIVACY INITIATIVE. I JUST WANT TO VERY QUICKLY MAKE
5 A STATEMENT ABOUT ONE OF THE PROPONENT'S STATEMENTS ABOUT WHY
6 THIS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED. AND WHAT THEY SAY IS THAT IF WE ARE
7 TO SOLVE THE EDUCATION -- EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
8 PROBLEMS OF TOMORROW, WE MUST UNITE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS,
9 PURSUING COMMON GOALS. THE POINT IS THAT WHEN YOU START TO
10 TALK ABOUT HEARTS AND MINDS, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT ISSUES OF
11 PRIVACY. IN FACT, THEY WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE THAT HAVING
12 INFORMATION, DATA COLLECTION STOPPED IS A WAY IN WHICH WE CAN
13 HAVE A MORE PUBLIC DISCUSSION, WHEN IN FACT THEY ARE THE ONES
14 WHO ARE SPEAKING ABOUT UNITING MINDS AND HEARTS. AND WE'VE
15 KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME THAT PUBLIC POLICY IS REALLY WHERE WE
16 GET TO THE POINT OF JUSTICE AND INCLUSION FOR ALL PEOPLE. THE
17 IDEA OF A COLORBLIND SOCIETY IS A MASKING OF A CENTRAL ISSUE
18 IN AMERICAN SOCIETY. JUSTICE AND INCLUSION ARE MORE THAN THE
19 END WE SEEK, IT IS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE TOWARD THE GOAL THAT
20 WE ARE AFTER. AND TO GET TO THAT GOAL, WE NEED INFORMATION
21 THAT GUIDES A RANGE OF PUBLIC -- A RANGE OF DELIBERATIONS,
22 INCLUDING AT THE PUBLIC POLICY LEVEL. I AM IN HOPE THAT TODAY
23 THIS BODY WILL SUPPORT THE MOTION AND GO ON RECORD OPPOSING
24 THE CONNOLLY BILL. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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3 **PATRICK KELLY:** THANK YOU. AGAIN, MY NAME IS PATRICK KELLY. I
4 WANT TO THAN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I
5 REPRESENT THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY, CHICANO LATINO
6 CAUCUS, I'M AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE 53RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT,
7 DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE. I'M A CONSTITUENT OF THE SECOND
8 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, AND MOSTLY I'M EMPLOYED AT THE MENTAL
9 HEALTH URGENT CARE CENTER IN LONG BEACH, WHICH THE SUPERVISORS
10 MAY KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT. AND I'M A PREVIOUS VOLUNTEER FOR THE
11 SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER AT DEEDEE HIRSCH. I STAND HERE TODAY
12 IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MEASURE AND STRONGLY OPPOSE
13 THE WARD CONNOLLY CRECNO INITIATIVE. BASED ON MY MENTAL HEALTH
14 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY DO
15 MY JOB WITHOUT THE DATA THAT'S BEING GATHERED IN BOTH THE
16 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION AREAS. THERE IS A
17 CULTURAL DIFFERENCE REGARDING THE ROLE OF THERAPIES, FROM A
18 CAUCASIAN POINT OF VIEW, FROM AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN POINT OF
19 VIEW AND FROM CHICANO, LATINO AND ASIANS, ALL VIEW THERAPY
20 FROM A VERY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. AS AN EXAMPLE, JUST
21 RECENTLY I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR A FAMILY THAT WAS REFERRED FROM
22 D.C.F.S., THEY WERE FIRST GENERATION TO OUR COUNTRY FROM
23 GUATEMALA. IT WAS A CHILD ABUSE ISSUE. FROM A FAMILY CULTURAL
24 POINT OF VIEW, THEIR VIEWPOINT FROM GUATEMALA IS DIFFERENT
25 THAN OUR SOCIETY'S POINT OF VIEW. WITHOUT THE DATA OF



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1 UNDERSTANDING HOW TO WORK WITH, FROM A CULTURAL POINT OF VIEW,
2 I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY HELP AND TREAT THIS FAMILY.
3 FROM A SUICIDE POINT OF VIEW, WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO GATHER
4 DATA I WOULD NOT KNOW THAT OLDER MALE WHITES ARE THE HIGHEST
5 RATES OF PEOPLE WHO COMMIT AND COMPLETE SUICIDE. I WOULD NOT
6 BE ABLE TO KNOW THAT THE MINORITY GROUP OF TEENAGERS ARE
7 RISING ON ATTEMPTED SUICIDE WITH PILL OVERDOSE. FROM A DRUG
8 ABUSE POINT OF VIEW, WE'RE SEEING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE COME IN
9 WITH DRUG ABUSE ISSUES AT OUR CENTER HERE IN -- AT THE URGENT
10 CARE CENTER AND THE POPULATION SPECTRUM IS DIFFERENT. WITHOUT
11 BEING ABLE TO DO RESEARCH, GATHER RESEARCH AND TO BE ABLE TO
12 TRACK THAT I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY HELP AND TREAT.
13 WE'RE JUST AT THE BEGINNING OF BEING ABLE TO MAP THE ENTIRE
14 BODY. CURRENTLY THE PSYCH TREATMENT FROM A MEDICATION POINT OF
15 VIEW IS VERY MUCH AN ART, NOT A SCIENCE. HOPEFULLY IN OUR
16 GENERATION WE'LL SEE A TIME WHERE WE CAN MAP THE -- EACH OF
17 THE BRAIN CELLS AND BE ABLE TO DESIGN MEDICATION FOR THAT. WE
18 WOULD NEED MORE DATA IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO HELP THAT. FROM AN
19 EDUCATION POINT OF VIEW, JUST READING AN ARTICLE JUST RECENTLY
20 THIS PAST WEEK THAT FIRST-GENERATION LATINO TEENS HAVE SOME OF
21 THE HIGHEST DROP-OUT RATES IN HIGH SCHOOLS AROUND THE COUNTRY.
22 THAT'S IMPORTANT, TO BE ABLE TO GATHER THAT DATA IN ORDER FOR
23 YOU TO BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY DESIGN POLICIES. IN EACH OF YOUR
24 DISTRICTS YOU HAVE BETWEEN 1 AND 2 MILLION CONSTITUENTS. YOU
25 HAVE, AS I HAVE, AS A THERAPIST A MORAL AND ETHICAL OBLIGATION



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1 NOT TO DO HARM TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS. THE CRECNO INITIATIVE
2 WOULD PERFORM HARM TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS. MARTIN LUTHER KING
3 OVER 40 YEARS AGO SHARED A VISION OF RACIAL DIVERSITY IN HIS
4 'I HAVE A DREAM' SPEECH. AS WE STAND ON THIS -- AT THIS NEW
5 CENTURY, WHERE CALIFORNIA IS THE FIRST STATE IN THE COUNTRY
6 WITH NO MAJOR MAJORITY RACE, WE ARE ALL MINORITIES NOW. NOW IS
7 THE TIME TO LEAD BOTH THIS COUNTY AND THIS COUNTRY TOWARDS
8 DIVERSITY TOLERANCE AND NOT BACK TO A TIME OF RACIAL
9 DIVISIVENESS. YOUR DECISION TODAY WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION TO
10 HOW FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL VIEW YOUR LEADERSHIP. WILL YOU BE
11 CONSIDERED A VISIONARY ON RACIAL DIVERSITY OR AN
12 OBSTRUCTIONIST WORKING TOWARDS RACIAL DIVISIVENESS. THANK YOU
13 VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL MOVE THE ITEM. IS
16 THERE A SECOND?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SECONDED.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S SECONDED BY MOLINA.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST MAKE A STATEMENT.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE WERE A LOT OF STATEMENTS THAT WERE MADE
2 AND THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT TALKS ABOUT PRIVACY. WHAT'S
3 INTERESTING IS WHEN I LOOK AT THE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT
4 APPLICATION, IT HAS A NUMBER OF RACIAL CLASSIFICATIONS,
5 HOWEVER IT STATES THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTARY INFORMATION IS
6 REQUESTED. IT'S NOT REQUIRED, IT'S VOLUNTARY, WE ARE NOT
7 REQUIRING THIS INFORMATION. WHAT THIS INITIATIVE IS ATTEMPTING
8 TO DO, FROM WHAT I'VE READ ABOUT IT, RECOGNIZES THAT
9 CALIFORNIA HAS A MULTI-RACIAL, MULTI-ETHNIC SOCIETY. AND AS A
10 RESULT OF THAT, IT CAN NO LONGER FIT INDIVIDUALS INTO
11 GOVERNMENT'S IDENTIFICATION TINY BOXES. TAKE MY OWN FAMILY. MY
12 CHILDREN ARE CROATIAN, THEY'RE CHINESE. HOW DO WE CLASSIFY
13 THEM? I CLASSIFY THEM AS AMERICAN. AND THAT'S HOW I WOULD LIKE
14 OTHERS TO CLASSIFY THEM. TAKE TIGER WOOD. TIGER WOODS IS THAI,
15 ASIAN, AMERICAN-INDIAN, AFRICAN-AMERICAN. WE CLASSIFY TIGER AS
16 AN AMERICAN. AND THE GOAL HERE IS TO BEGIN LOOKING AND
17 PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE ALL
18 AMERICANS AND WHEN ONE SUFFERS, WE ALL SUFFER, AND WHEN ONE
19 PROSPERS, WE ALL PROSPER, AND WHEN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
20 ARE FAILING, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD IS NOT LEFT
21 BEHIND, THAT THEY ARE ALL HELPED REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR OR
22 CREED. WHEN WE HAVE A HEALTH PROBLEM, THAT'S A HEALTH PROBLEM
23 THAT WE ARE ALL IMPACTED WITH AND WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT WE
24 HAVE PROGRAMS TO ELEVATE THE HEALTH AND CARE OF ALL PEOPLE,
25 REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR OR CREED. AND I KNOW THE WALL STREET



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1 JOURNAL RECENTLY DID A FEATURE ON MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HIS
2 FAMOUS SPEECH ABOUT A DREAM AND A COLORBLIND SOCIETY, AND HOW
3 HE HAD GIVEN THIS IN MANY AREAS OF THE LAND AND HOW ALL OF
4 THESE COMMUNITIES ARE NOW RECOGNIZING AND RECOGNIZING THAT
5 SPEECH AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT SPEECH THAT HE HAD PROVIDED.
6 BUT THAT'S THE -- THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DISCUSSING, SO I
7 PERSONALLY SEE THIS AS ONE STEP FORWARD INTO A COLORBLIND
8 SOCIETY, AND IN THE INITIATIVE IT DOES ALLOW FOR THE
9 CONTINUATION OF THOSE AREAS, IN THE HEALTH AREA RELATIVE TO
10 RACIAL IDENTIFICATION AND IN THE HOUSING AREA. IT ALSO
11 REQUIRES FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL LAW, RELATIVE TO
12 ENSURING THAT THERE'S NO DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING. BUT THOSE
13 ARE THE JUST THE COMMENTS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE, MADAM
14 CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR, I APPRECIATE THOSE COMMENTS AND I
19 CERTAINLY THINK THEY'RE SINCERE, UNFORTUNATELY I WISH THE
20 WORLD WERE THAT WAY. SERVING IN A CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, I
21 KNOW HOW OFTEN IT IS THAT WE HAVE TO FILE A LAWSUIT. AND WHEN
22 WE FILE A LAWSUIT A BIG PART OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS TO
23 GATHER ALL THE FACTS, GATHER ALL THE INFORMATION, PUT UP THE
24 STATISTICS, GET THE NUMBERS. IN ORDER TO POINT OUT TO JUDGES
25 AND TO OTHERS THE KIND OF ONGOING VIOLATIONS OF THE CIVIL



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1 RIGHTS ACT THAT WE HAVE THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY, AND SOME OF
2 IT IS JUST WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CASES AND THE DOCKETS THAT WE
3 HAVE, THAT MALDEF AS WELL AS PROBABLY EVERY OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS
4 ORGANIZATION, YOU'RE AMAZED THAT THIS KIND OF DISCRIMINATION
5 CONTINUES. AND THEN WE HAVE TO HIRE EXPERTS TO COME IN AND
6 TESTIFY AS TO WHAT THOSE FACTS ARE AND THAT INFORMATION. AND
7 THAT IS JUST TO GET INTO THE COURT AND TO TRY AND FIND SOME
8 KIND OF REMEDY. UNFORTUNATELY, MR. ANTONOVICH, I AGREE, WE
9 SHOULD BE A COLORBLIND SOCIETY, THAT'S WHAT IT SHOULD BE
10 ABOUT. BUT WE HAVE TOO MANY PEOPLE WHO, UNFORTUNATELY, DON'T
11 KNOW HOW TO DO IT. I WAS READING ONE OF THE BIGOTED LETTERS
12 THAT I GET TODAY FROM A GENTLEMAN WHO CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE
13 ME AND IT'S INTERESTING AND IT'S -- HE ALWAYS STARTS WITH --
14 HE CALLS ME SPICK EVERY TIME HE WRITES ME A LETTER. AND IT'S
15 INTERESTING, I MEAN I SIT HERE AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, TRYING
16 TO MAKE DECISIONS EVERY SINGLE DAY IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE
17 COMMUNITY AND AGAIN, THEY'RE PROBABLY NOT DECISIONS THAT
18 EVERYBODY AGREES WITH. I HAVE DISAGREEMENTS SOMETIMES WITH MY
19 OWN STAFF. BUT IT IS INTERESTING THE HATRED IN THIS MAN'S
20 WORDS EVERY SINGLE TIME. HIS LATEST IS HE WANTS ME TO BUY HIM
21 A CAR. I GUESS THE L.A. TIMES SAID THAT HE'S ENTITLED. BUT HE
22 ALWAYS STARTS OUT BY CALLING ME A SPICK, AND THAT'S THE WAY
23 UNFORTUNATELY --.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS GUY IN BALDWIN PARK?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. BALDWIN PARK, RIGHT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL HE WRITES ME.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DOES HE CALL YOU?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DEAR CORRUPT JEW.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH, AND IT'S INTERESTING HOW, YOU KNOW, AND I
11 CAN IMAGINE THAT PEOPLE COULD CALL US CORRUPT POLITICIANS AND
12 THINGS OF THAT SORT, BUT THIS MAN STARTS OUT WITH 'SPICK.' AND
13 I JUST THINK THAT THE WORLD IS STILL, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS TOO
14 MANY PEOPLE IN THERE AND MANY OF THEM ARE OPERATING PROGRAMS,
15 ARE RUNNING COMPANIES, ARE EMPLOYING EMPLOYEES OR DOING ALL
16 KINDS OF THINGS AND THE LAW NEEDS TO COME IN AND WE NEED TO
17 STEP IN. I WISH WE WERE AT WHERE MR. ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE US
18 TO BE. I WANT TO BE THERE AS WELL, BUT UNFORTUNATELY WHEN YOU
19 LOOK AT THE CASES OF THE A.C.L.U... OF MALDEF, OF N.A.L.E.O.,
20 OF ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PEOPLE THAT WERE REPRESENTED
21 HERE, WHO ARE ON THE FRONT LINE, THEY KNOW VERY CLEARLY THAT
22 TOO MUCH DISCRIMINATION GOING ON. THERE IS STILL NOT JUSTICE
23 FOR EVERYONE. WE MAY SEE THAT TODAY AT 1:00 O'CLOCK OR 2:00
24 O'CLOCK WHEN THEY ANNOUNCE THE VERDICT IN THE INGLEWOOD CASE.
25 BUT THE REALITY IS THAT THIS COUNTY, WITH THE DEMOGRAPHIC



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1 REPRESENTATION THAT IT HAS, IS CLEARLY -- HAS A RESPONSIBILITY
2 AND A DUTY TO ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS, NOT JUST ITS RESIDENTS
3 THAT REPRESENT A MINORITY IN THIS COUNTY, BUT TO ALL OF THE
4 RESIDENTS, THAT WE NEED TO DEFEAT THIS MEASURE. IT IS AGAIN
5 ONE OF THOSE MEASURES THAT IS ON THERE. IT'S AMAZING WHAT THIS
6 MAN DOES ON A REGULAR BASIS, BUT I AM HOPEFUL THAT THIS COUNTY
7 WILL ONCE AGAIN STAND FIRMLY AND STRONGLY AGAINST THIS KIND OF
8 ISSUE AND MOVE FORWARD AND OPPOSE THIS INITIATIVE.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? I WOULD SIMPLY
11 LIKE TO ADD THAT THIS KIND OF INFORMATION IS SO VITAL. I'M NOT
12 GOING TO EVEN GET INTO HOW MANY LETTERS I GET, I DON'T EVEN
13 HAVE TO DISCUSS THAT IN TERMS OF HOW MANY TIMES I GET HATE
14 MAIL AND HAVE ALWAYS RECEIVED A LOT OF HATE MAIL, A LOT OF
15 THREATS, I MEAN THAT'S JUST PART OF BEING IN PUBLIC OFFICE
16 TODAY IF YOU'RE OF ETHNIC MINORITY. BUT CERTAINLY IN TERMS OF
17 SOME OF THE ISSUES OF HEALTH, IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW
18 IN TERMS OF H.I.V. WHAT THE RACIAL PROFILE IS OF THOSE WHO ARE
19 AFFECTED SO THAT WE CAN DIRECT OUR PROGRAMS. AND ONE OF THE
20 THINGS VERY RECENTLY THAT I KNOW THAT WAS SO IMPORTANT WE HAVE
21 CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAMS THAT GO ON AND WE HAVE COMMUNITY
22 FACILITIES THAT VOLUNTEER, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S BEEN
23 SO EFFECTIVE IS THAT WE HAVE HAD ETHNICALLY-ORIENTED PROGRAMS
24 DIRECTED TO WOMEN TO EDUCATE EACH WOMEN OF DIFFERENT
25 ETHNICITIES ABOUT CERVICAL CANCER. AND I WAS SO PLEASED THAT



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1 MRS. ANTONOVICH WAS ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO WAS WILLING TO DO A
2 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT TO GO TO THE CHINESE COMMUNITY. SO
3 I WOULD HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE KINDS OF PROGRAMS,
4 BECAUSE WE HAVE TO ANALYZE ALL OF THE CONCERNS THAT PEOPLE
5 HAVE. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HATE CRIMES, THAT'S ONE OF THE
6 REASONS WHY WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE HATE CRIMES ARE BEING
7 COMMITTED AND WHO'S COMMITTING THOSE HATE CRIMES SO THAT WE
8 CAN EDUCATE OUR POPULATION. YOU KNOW, I HOPE ONE DAY EVERYONE
9 WILL BE MULTI-ETHNIC OR OF SUCH ETHNICITY OR SO -- SUCH THAT
10 WE DON'T HAVE TO EVEN KNOW WHAT ETHNIC BACKGROUND A PERSON
11 HAS. BUT, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT SO SURE THAT'S SO GREAT. I THINK
12 THAT PART OF THE GREATNESS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE FACT
13 THAT WE HAVE SO MANY ETHNICITIES, MANY RACIAL PEOPLE THAT COME
14 TOGETHER AND WE GET BETTER BECAUSE WE BECOME MORE FAMILIAR
15 WITH THEIR CULTURES AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY THIS COUNTY
16 DISTINGUISHES ITSELF FROM OTHER COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE
17 NATION. WE LEARN FROM OTHER CULTURES AND WE TAKE ON THEIR
18 CULTURES BUT WE DON'T SEEK TO ELIMINATE THEM. WE DON'T SEEK TO
19 PUT OUR HEAD IN THE SAND. WE ACCEPT THE FACT THAT WE EACH HAVE
20 A VERY COLORFUL CULTURAL BACKGROUND AND BECAUSE OF THAT, WE'RE
21 ABLE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS. WE HAVE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS, WHETHER
22 THEY'RE LANGUAGE NEEDS, WHETHER THEY'RE CULTURAL NEEDS,
23 WHETHER THERE ARE DISTINCT NEEDS THAT WE HAVE SEEN DEVELOPED
24 IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES BECAUSE OF A HISTORY OF DEPRIVATION. SO
25 HOPEFULLY ONE OF THESE DAYS WARD CONNERLY'S GOAL WILL BE



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1 THERE, THAT WE ALL ARE ONE PEOPLE AND NO ONE HAS ANY
2 DISCRIMINATION, THERE'S NO MORE HATE CRIME, THERE'S NO MORE
3 DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF HEALTH PROBLEMS AND ALL OF THOSE
4 THINGS, AND EMPLOYMENT AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS. EVERYONE HAS
5 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT, EVERYONE HAS EQUAL EDUCATION AND ALL OF
6 THOSE THINGS ARE PART OF AMERICA. BUT SO FAR WE'RE NOT THERE.
7 AND SO I WOULD ASK SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH SUPERVISOR BURKE, I WOULD JUST ADD THAT ONE
10 OF MY CONCERNS, I MEAN OBVIOUSLY I THINK THAT THE DIVERSITY OF
11 OUR GREAT COUNTY IS ITS GREATEST STRENGTH. AND TRYING TO WORK
12 THROUGH THESE VARIOUS KINDS OF ISSUES. BUT AS OUR GOAL IS A
13 COLOR-FREE SOCIETY OR WHATEVER, TO ME THESE BALLOT INITIATIVES
14 LIKE THIS ARE JUST ANOTHER DIVISIVE ISSUE, I THINK THAT THEY
15 STIR UP THE POT MORE THAN THEY ACTUALLY HELP. AND IT CONTINUES
16 TO CONCERN ME SO I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT. I THINK IT'S
17 IMPORTANT THAT WE TRY TO MOVE FORWARD THAT WE -- THE CAMPAIGN
18 GETS SO UGLY THAT IT DOES THE OPPOSITE I THINK OF WHAT THE
19 INTENT REALLY IS, AND THAT'S WHAT CONCERNS ME.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, CALL THE ROLL PLEASE.

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23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 76-B SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS ON YOUR MOVEMENT?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR. YAROSLAVSKY.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION CARRIES WITH SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH VOTING NO.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THE NEXT ITEM.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE THE PUBLIC -- WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC
3 HEARINGS ON THE LIGHTING DISTRICTS.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHOULDN'T WE JUST DO THE WHOLE, IT'S 11:30? [
8 INDISTINCT VOICES]

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DO YOU WANT TO DO THE SPECIAL?
11 ALL RIGHT, LET'S TAKE THE SPECIAL ITEM, IT'S 12 O'CLOCK --
12 12:30. HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR ITEM 26 I HELD. I'D LIKE, YOU KNOW, I
15 CAN CONTINUE THAT A WEEK. OKAY, THAT'S WHAT MY INTENT WAS BUT
16 I JUST REALLY WANT A DETAILED ACCOUNT ON HOW THAT 1.5 MILLION
17 IS GOING TO BE USED. OBVIOUSLY THERE'S SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT
18 ISSUES WITHIN THAT H.I.V./A.I.D.S. CONTRACT AND SO I'LL
19 CONTINUE IT A WEEK WITH THE CAVEAT THAT WE CAN GET BACK A
20 DETAILED ACCOUNTING OF HOW THAT 1.5 MILLION IS GOING TO BE
21 SPENT. AND WITH THAT I'D MOVE IT TO CONTINUE ONE WEEK.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MOVED THAT CONTINUE 26 FOR ONE
24 WEEK. AND WE HAVE A REPORT AT THAT TIME ON HOW THE 1.6 IS



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1 SPENT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE'LL TAKE THE 11:30
2 ITEM. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY
5 NAME IS TOM GARTHWAITE, I'M DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND
6 WITH ME IS FRED LEAF, OUR CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND GARY
7 WELLS, OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. LARGE COMPLEX
8 ORGANIZATIONS WITH LARGE BUDGETS OFTEN HAVE SIGNIFICANT
9 UNCERTAINTIES BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF DIFFERENT FORCES THAT
10 ARE OUT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S CONTROL AND OUR DEPARTMENT IS NO
11 DIFFERENT, IT'S VERY ANALOGOUS TO THE BUDGET THAT I WAS IN
12 CHARGE OF WITH THE V.A. IN WASHINGTON. BASED ON YOUR DIRECTION
13 WE'VE ATTEMPTED TO OUTLINE WHAT WE THINK ARE THE PROJECTIONS
14 FOR OUR BUDGET OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. WE HAVE SOME GOOD
15 NEWS. AT THE END OF 2002-2003 OUR BUDGET REVENUES ARE BETTER
16 THAN PROJECTED. OUR FIVE-YEAR PROJECTIONS REMAIN SIGNIFICANTLY
17 DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS IN OUR BUDGET WE'VE
18 TALKED ABOUT MANY TIMES HERE IN THIS ARENA. THERE ARE A
19 VARIETY OF THINGS THAT ARE OUT OF OUR CONTROL AND AFFECT OUR
20 BUDGET IN SIGNIFICANT WAYS. THESE INCLUDE COURT ACTIONS, OTHER
21 OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES. AND OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE I
22 BELIEVE ARE SEVERAL CONCERNS THAT I HAVE ABOUT OUR BUDGET. ONE
23 IS THAT A COUPLE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON WITH
24 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ALLAY OUR BUDGET IN THE OUT YEARS
25 ARE NOW LESS CERTAIN OR UNLIKELY. THE MANAGED CARE RATES THAT



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1 WE'VE BEEN WORKING TO OBTAIN WE THINK ARE NOW VERY UNLIKELY.
2 OUR DISH FLEXIBILITY PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD HAVE BROUGHT IN
3 REVENUE IN THE OUT YEARS ALSO SEEMS, EVEN IF IT'S POSSIBLE, TO
4 HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS IMPACT ON OUR FUTURE YEAR BUDGETS. WE
5 HAVE SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES IN ACHIEVING ALL THE PSYCHIATRY
6 SAVINGS THAT WE PUT FORWARD IN OUR SCENARIO THREE PLAN AND IN
7 PART THAT GETS DOWN TO A FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE OF HOW MUCH WE
8 GET PAID FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. ULTIMATELY I
9 THINK THIS BOARD MAY HAVE TO DECIDE HOW YOU WANT US TO PROCEED
10 WITH THAT. BUT WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH PSYCHIATRY OR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. HEALTH CARE INFLATION REMAINS
12 VERY STRONG. ALL THE INDICATORS ARE THAT IT REMAINS IN THE
13 DOUBLE-DIGIT AREA. THAT'S GOING TO AFFECT OUR FUTURE, AS WILL
14 OF THE RECRUITMENT OF 600 NURSING STAFF TO MEET NURSE STAFFING
15 RATIOS ALTHOUGH THAT'S IN OUR BUDGET PROJECTIONS HOW WE'RE
16 GOING TO GET THEM TO WANT TO WORK IN OUR SYSTEM IS A
17 CHALLENGE. AND FINALLY I'LL JUST MENTION THAT FOR MANY YEARS,
18 BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN CASH-POOR WE'VE DEFERRED THINGS SUCH AS
19 TRAINING, MAINTENANCE, EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE ALL OF
20 WHICH WILL PLACE SIGNIFICANT DEMANDS AS WE PUSH FORWARD. WE
21 ARE HERE WITH EXPERTS I THINK TO HELP GO THROUGH ANY DETAIL AT
22 ANY LEVEL THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO. AND I AWAIT YOUR QUESTIONS.
23 THANK YOU, MADAM.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?



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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I'D LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT THE NUMBERS.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, EXACTLY HOW YOU GOT TO THE NUMBER.

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE FISCAL
7 OUTLOOK SCHEDULE DATED 7-9-2003 WHICH IS AN UPDATE FROM THE
8 ONE THAT WE SHARED IN APRIL, WHICH WAS DATED 3-26-2003, THAT
9 SCHEDULE IS EXPLAINED IN TERMS OF ITS DIFFERENCE FROM THE LAST
10 TIME WE WERE HERE AT THE BOARD IN THE SCHEDULE THAT FOLLOWS IN
11 YOUR DOCUMENT FOR TODAY. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT WE'VE ARRAYED
12 FISCAL YEARS 2002, 2003 THROUGH 2007 AND 2008. AND WHEN WE
13 WERE HERE IN APRIL, THE SURPLUS FORECAST FOR 2002-2003, WHICH
14 IS THE FIRST COLUMN OF THAT SECOND PAGE, PROJECTED AN \$81.7
15 MILLION SURPLUS. SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE IDENTIFIED, DEVELOPED
16 OR BEEN INFORMED OF VARIOUS OTHER EVENTS THAT CAUSED THAT
17 NUMBER TO RISE TO \$185 MILLION, WHICH IS THE NUMBER IN BOLD AT
18 THE BOTTOM OF THAT SCHEDULE. AND WE HAVE LISTED THE VARIOUS
19 ITEMS. THE FIRST ONE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS A SURPLUS IN OUR
20 CLINICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION BUDGET OF \$13.6
21 MILLION THAT WAS NOT SPENT IN THE CURRENT YEAR. SO THAT IS
22 GOING TO CAUSE OUR SURPLUS TO INCREASE BY THAT AMOUNT. AND
23 THEN THE OTHER ITEMS BELOW THAT WILL CAUSE THE SURPLUS TO GO
24 UP OR DOWN BASED ON VARIOUS EVENTS THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED SINCE
25 THE LAST FORECAST. AND WHEN WE WERE HERE IN APRIL, WE HAD A



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1 SIMILAR LIST FROM THE PRIOR FORECAST IN JANUARY THAT EXPLAINED
2 HOW WE GOT TO THE \$81.7. IF I CAN GO THROUGH THESE LINE-BY-
3 LINE IF YOU'D LIKE OR --

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL LET'S TRY IT ANOTHER WAY.

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OKAY.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET'S TRY IT FROM -- IN FISCAL YEAR '02-'03, WHAT
10 WAS THE PROJECTED SET OF CUTS?

11

12 **GARY WELLS:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SCENARIO III CUTS
13 SUPERVISOR I PRESUME?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

16

17 **GARY WELLS:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SCENARIO III CUTS?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE CUTS THAT WE IMPLEMENTED.

20

21 **GARY WELLS:** THE SCHEDULED CUTS IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED
22 BY THE BOARD IN '02-'03 WERE TO REDUCE THE MEDICAL CENTERS 100
23 BEDS EFFECTIVE MAY 1 AND OF COURSE THE LAWSUIT PREVENTED US
24 FROM DOING THAT.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IS NUMBER OF PROJECTED CUTS?

2

3 **GARY WELLS:** THE TOTAL IS 56.8 MILLION. IS THAT THE NUMBER
4 YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WAS THE ACTUAL CUTS?

7

8 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH THIS IS HOW MUCH DID WE ACTUALLY CUT.
9 PROBABLY ABOUT 25 MILLION.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MUCH?

12

13 **GARY WELLS:** ABOUT 25 MILLION.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** \$25 MILLION IN ACTUAL CUTS?

16

17 **GARY WELLS:** UH-HUH.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THOSE CUTS, THE SAVINGS IN ALL -- IN THOSE
20 CUTS WERE THE ACTUAL CLINICS THAT YEAR?

21

22 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, THEY WERE THE CLINICS, REDUCTION IN P.P.P.
23 VISITS, AND SOME REDUCTIONS, I BELIEVE, IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND
24 CAPITAL COSTS AT HIGH DESERT.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND THEN BUT -- SO THE REMAINING WHAT
2 IS IT, \$30 MILLION, WOULD BE CUTS THAT WERE NOT MADE BECAUSE
3 OF THE LAWSUITS?

4

5 **GARY WELLS:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** EVEN THOUGH THERE WEREN'T GOING TO BE SAVINGS
8 THAT YEAR.

9

10 **GARY WELLS:** WELL THERE WERE GOING TO BE SAVINGS. FOR INSTANCE
11 WE WERE SUPPOSED TO CUT THE BEDS AT THE MEDICAL CENTER
12 EFFECTIVE MAY 1 SO THERE WAS LIKE \$2 MILLION OF PLANNED
13 SAVINGS. SO THAT'S PART OF THE SAVINGS THAT WAS NOT ACHIEVED.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, SO IT IS \$2 MILLION.

16

17 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** 28.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T -- THE KING EFFICIENCIES OF ABOUT 2.8 WERE
22 NOT ACHIEVED AND I THINK WE DELAYED THAT BECAUSE WHEN THE
23 LAWSUITS DELAYED THINGS, THE DECISION WAS MADE NOT TO DO --
24 TRY TO DO TWO CASCADES SO WE ENDED UP DELAYING THE MEDICAL --
25 I MEAN THE SAVINGS AT KING, AND SO THERE WAS A MEMO SENT TO



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1 THE BOARD I THINK SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, TALKING ABOUT THE DELAY
2 IN THESE TWO-MONTH CUT SAVINGS TO AVOID HAVING TO DO TWO
3 CASCADES.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, BUT AGAIN OF THE PROJECTED CUTS, WHICH
6 WAS \$56 MILLION, THE ACTUAL REALIZED CUTS IN THAT BUDGET IN
7 '02-'03 IS ABOUT \$25 MILLION?

8

9 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH I'D SAY 25 TO 30, SOMEWHERE IN THERE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, NOW LET ME UNDERSTAND. THE FUND
12 BALANCE THAT STARTED THE '02-' 03 BUDGET WAS \$43 MILLION; IS
13 THAT CORRECT?

14

15 **GARY WELLS:** WE ACTUALLY HAD A FUND BALANCE GOING INTO '02-' 03
16 OF ABOUT \$366 MILLION.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.
19 THERE'S DIFFERENT WORDS THAT ARE BEING USED HERE. THERE'S FUND
20 BALANCE, THERE'S SURPLUS, THERE'S RESERVE AND THERE IS
21 DESIGNATION FUND.

22

23 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO LET'S ALL USE THE SAME TERM. SO IF YOU'RE
2 GOING TO USE THAT FIGURE, OF THAT FIGURE -- NOW CORRECT ME IF
3 I'M WRONG, FUND BALANCE IS A NUMBER THAT IS CARRIED OVER FROM
4 AN UNSPENT AMOUNT IN YOUR PREVIOUS BUDGET. UNSPENT. BUDGETED
5 BUT UNSPENT. IS THAT NOT A FUND BALANCE? NOT A RESERVE.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, IT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXPENDITURES
8 AND REVENUES FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, NOW TAKE ME TO THAT NUMBER. SO IF WE'RE ALL
11 USING THE SAME TERMS, FUND BALANCE, THE BUDGETED FUND BALANCE
12 THAT STARTED THE '02-'03 AS I UNDERSTAND, WAS \$43 MILLION OR
13 NOT, I DON'T KNOW. I MEAN --.

14

15 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH, LET ME --.

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR THAT WE ASSUMED
18 APPROXIMATELY \$40 MILLION FUND BALANCE IN THE '03-'04 BUDGET.
19 AS PART OF THEIR BUDGET --

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY SO WHAT WAS -- THEN WHAT'S THE FUND BALANCE
22 THAT IT WAS IN, I'M SORRY, '02-'03?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WOULD'VE BEEN SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THAT.
25 THAT COULD'VE BEEN --



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2 **GARY WELLS:** NO, WELL IT WAS \$245 MILLION IN '02-'03.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SEE THAT'S THE PROBLEM I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND,
5 ALL OF YOU HAVE GOT TO BE ON THE SAME PAGE 'CAUSE YOU'RE ALL
6 COMMUNICATING WITH US. FUND BALANCE IS ONE THING. DAVID LOOKS
7 AT FUND BALANCE TO BE WHAT I SAID, NOW UNLESS IT'S SOMETHING
8 DIFFERENT. WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER A SURPLUS?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS CLEARLY CONFUSING RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS THE PROBLEM AND I'M TRYING TO STRAIGHTEN
13 IT OUT.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I BELIEVE THE 240'S WHEN WE PUT TOGETHER THE
16 '02-'03 BUDGET WE MADE OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF ASSUMPTIONS. TWO OF
17 THEM WERE ONE, THAT WE WOULD USE \$246 MILLION OF THE
18 DESIGNATION, MONEY THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SET ASIDE OR PUT -
19 -

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT LET ME JUST FOLLOW YOU AGAIN.

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IS THIS RIGHT GARY?

24

25 **GARY WELLS:** YES.



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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** 100 AND WHAT?

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** 246 MILLION IN '02-'03 OUT IF THE --

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** 246, WHERE'S IT COME -- WHERE IS IT?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE DESIGNATION. FROM THE DESIGNATION, IT WAS

9 --

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** FROM DESIGNATION AGAIN SO WE UNDERSTAND OUR

12 TERMS.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ACCUMULATED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS THAT WAS

15 SPECIFICALLY SET ASIDE IN RESERVE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FOR ANY PURPOSE.

20 IT' GENERAL --.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. THAT'S NOT WHAT MY MOTION SAID.

2

3 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WHICH MOTION?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE ONE THAT'S CREATED THIS FUND, WHICH WAS THE
6 DESIGNATION FUND, IT WAS MONEY THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO -- ANY
7 SAVINGS THAT WERE APPROVED WERE TO GO BACK INTO THE BUDGET TO
8 FUND THE DEFICIT.

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, WELL --.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT FOR ANY PURPOSE.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ANYTHING -- WELL BUT IT'S FOR THE DEPARTMENT,
15 IT'S NOT FOR THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** TO FUND THE DEFICIT?

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE USING, 246 MILLION
20 FOR --

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, I JUST WANT US TO KNOW WHAT THESE
23 TERMS ARE. IT'S NOT FOR HEALTH TO USE FOR ANYTHING THEY WANT,
24 IT'S TO FUND THE DEFICIT THAT SUPPOSEDLY WE ARE INCURRING ON A
25 REGULAR BASIS. SO I WANT US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THESE TERMS



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1 ARE. SO YOU SAID 246 MILLION WAS FROM THE DESIGNATION FUND
2 THAT WENT INTO THE '02-'03 BUDGET, IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, THEN SO ON --WHAT IS THE \$121 MILLION
7 SURPLUS? WHAT IS THAT?

8

9 **GARY WELLS:** THAT'S THE AMOUNT LEFT IN THE DESIGNATION FUND
10 AFTER YOU TAKE \$246 MILLION OUT OF IT?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY DID YOU TAKE THE 246 OUT OF IT?

13

14 **GARY WELLS:** BECAUSE WE STARTED THE YEAR WITH THE DESIGNATION
15 FUND AT \$366 MILLION.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** 366 MILLION?

18

19 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT. AND WE TOOK 245 OF THAT AND PUT IT INTO THE
20 BUDGET TO FUND THE 2002-2003 BUDGET.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, LET ME UNDERSTAND THAT. SO 245 FROM THE
23 DESIGNATION FUND WENT INTO THE '02-'03 BUDGET?

24

25 **GARY WELLS:** CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT WAS TO FUND WHAT? VARIOUS PROGRAMS?
3 WHAT?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WAS -- REALLY IT WAS TO BALANCE THE BUDGET
6 SUPERVISOR, THEY ARE RUNNING IT --

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** TO BALANCE THE EXPENDITURES.

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THEY'RE RUNNING A DEFICIT RIGHT, THEY HAVE
11 MORE EXPENDITURES THAN THEY HAD REVENUES FOR '02-'03, THEY
12 WERE SHORT \$245 MILLION FROM BALANCING THEIR BUDGET.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN BALANCING THEIR BUDGET?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S PART OF THE GLIDE PATH. WE'RE USING THE
17 RESERVES TO HELP BALANCE FISCAL YEAR TO FISCAL YEAR. THE
18 ALTERNATIVE WOULD HAVE BEEN TO --

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT I WANT TO FOLLOW THE
21 NUMBERS. SO 245 WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE DESIGNATION FUND FOR '02-
22 '03, RIGHT?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND AGAIN LET ME JUST UNDERSTAND THAT. YOU GAVE
2 ME TWO DIFFERENT NUMBERS. AT FIRST YOU SAID THE DESIGNATION
3 FUND HAD 246 GOING INTO '02-'03.

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S WHAT I SAID.

6

7 **GARY WELLS:** THAT'S CORRECT BUT THERE'S STILL --

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW YOU SAID THERE WAS 366.

10

11 **GARY WELLS:** THAT'S RIGHT, WE STARTED WITH AT THE BEGINNING OF
12 2003 --.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. AT THE BEGINNING OF 2000 --.

15

16 **GARY WELLS:** 2002-2003.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU HAD HOW MUCH?

19

20 **GARY WELLS:** WE HAD \$366 MILLION.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, WHY DID YOU SAY EARLIER YOU HAD 246?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. OF THAT AMOUNT WE USED 246 FOR '02-'03.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY LET'S START AGAIN GUYS, OKAY. IT'S SIMPLE
2 MATH. I ASKED THE QUESTION IN '02-'03. YOU HAD SO MUCH OF FUND
3 BALANCE, RIGHT?

4

5 **GARY WELLS:** DESIGNATION FUND IS THAT THE SAME THING?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, THEY'RE DIFFERENT, VERY DIFFERENT. THAT'S WHY
8 -- LET'S GO BACK TO THE SAME, WHAT WAS THE FUND BALANCE? LET'S
9 GO TO THAT. FUND BALANCE BEING MONEY LEFT OVER FROM THE '01-
10 '02 BUDGET THAT DID NOT GET USED, THAT WAS BUDGETED BUT DID
11 NOT GET USED, THAT'S FUND BALANCE. WHAT WAS THAT NUMBER?

12

13 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, WE HAD A OPERATING SURPLUS IN '01-' 02 OF
14 \$55.8 MILLION. THAT, WHEN IT WAS CLOSED AT THE END OF THE YEAR
15 TO THE DESIGNATION FUND.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE, NO DON'T GO THERE YET. IT'S NOT IN
18 THE DESIGNATION FUND, I HAVEN'T -- RIGHT NOW IT'S JUST
19 SURPLUS.

20

21 **GARY WELLS:** OKAY.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DID IT CLOSE AT?

24



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1 **GARY WELLS:** AT THE END OF '01-' 02, IT CLOSED AT \$55.8
2 MILLION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** 55.8. NOW SUPPOSEDLY THAT GOES INTO THE
5 DESIGNATION FUND?

6

7 **GARY WELLS:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO NOW YOU HAVE 55.8 THAT WENT INTO
10 THE DESIGNATION FUND, AND THAT BROUGHT THE DESIGNATION FUND UP
11 TO WHAT TOTAL?

12

13 **GARY WELLS:** 366 MILLION.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. NOT YET, BECAUSE THIS IS -- WAIT A
16 MINUTE, NOW JUST -- WE'RE STILL ON '01-'02, ALL RIGHT.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT. THERE WAS 311 MILLION ALREADY IN THE
19 DESIGNATION FOR THE PRIOR YEARS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** 311 WAS IN THERE IN ' 01-' 02, THEN YOU ADDED 55
22 AND YOU COME UP WITH 366. RIGHT, THAT'S DESIGNATION FUND ALL
23 RIGHT? SO YOU TOOK YOUR FUND BALANCE -- NO, YOUR SURPLUS YOU
24 SAID, AND YOU PUT IT IN.

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SAME DIFFERENCE.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO THEY'RE NOT, THEY'RE DIFFERENT.

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL I THINK WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME.

6 IT'S WHAT YOU DID NOT SPEND IN THAT YEAR. SURPLUS, FUND

7 BALANCE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S THE CASE, SURPLUS AND

10 FUND BALANCE ARE THE SAME. SO NOW WE GO INTO '02-'03. NOW,

11 DAVID, EVERY SINGLE YEAR IN YOUR BUDGET WHEN YOU DO THE HEALTH

12 DEPARTMENT OR ANY BUDGET YOU PUT IN A FUND BALANCE NUMBER.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT FUND BALANCE NUMBER DID YOU USE?

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IT WAS \$39 MILLION

19 DOLLARS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW THAT WASN'T DESIGNATION MONEY OR WAS IT?

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WAS NOT, IT WAS A --.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THIS IS NOW, WAIT, WAIT, LET ME JUST FOLLOW
2 THIS LOGIC. SO THIS IS NOW FUND BALANCE, NOT DESIGNATION
3 MONEY, YOU USED IT AS SURPLUS EARLIER. SO IT'S FUND BALANCE,
4 SO THIS WAS THE ACTUAL FUND BALANCE, OR WHAT YOU ESTIMATED TO
5 BE THEIR FUND BALANCE.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT NOT OUT OF THE DESIGNATION FUND YET?

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT IS CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, SO NOW YOU GO INTO '02-'03 WITH THAT
14 FUND BALANCE THAT YOU'RE USING FOR THE '02-'03 BUDGET. ALL
15 RIGHT. SO THEN THERE IS SUPPOSEDLY IN SEPTEMBER, LIKE OF '02-
16 '03, WE GET, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT, RECONCILIATION OF THE --

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUDGET CLOSING.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUDGET CLOSING. WHAT WAS THE, QUOTE, SURPLUS AT
21 THAT TIME?

22

23 **GARY WELLS:** AND YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT FOR '01-'02 THAT WAS
24 CLOSED IN SEPTEMBER OF 2002?

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

2

3 **GARY WELLS:** IT WAS \$55.8 MILLION.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** 55.8, NOW AT THAT POINT AGAIN THAT HAS ALREADY
6 GONE INTO THE DESIGNATION FUND RIGHT?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL IT WENT IN AT THAT TIME.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WENT IN AT THAT TIME, THAT GETS US TO THE
11 \$366?

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT IS CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO THEN IN THE '02-'03 BUDGET, YOU NOW
16 ARE -- YOUR DESIGNATION FUND HAS 366 MILLION IN IT, IS THAT
17 CORRECT?

18

19 **GARY WELLS:** AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. IN THE BUDGETING FOR -- IS
22 THIS '02-'03 HOW MUCH OF THE DESIGNATION DO YOU USE?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** 245 OR 246, WHICH IS --

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** 245 --

2

3 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** 245.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT LEAVES YOU A BALANCE OF?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** 121 IN THE DESIGNATION.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. NOW, AND THIS IS FOR '02-'03?

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT?

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, NOW WHEN WE ARE PREPARING OUR BUDGET

18 FOR '03-'04 WHICH WE APPROVED, YOU STARTED OUT WITH WHAT FUND

19 BALANCE DAVID? THIS IS '03-'04.

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THIS IS -- FOR THE CURRENT YEAR IN APRIL WE

22 WOULD HAVE ASSUMED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$40 MILLION AGAIN.

23



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND -- ALL RIGHT. DESIGNATION FUND,
2 OUR CARRYOVER, OUR SURPLUS, I GUESS THAT'S ALL ONE THING, IF I
3 UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY, OR NOT?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO THE DESIGNATION IS DIFFERENT --

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE DESIGNATION'S DIFFERENT?

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE SURPLUS, CARRYOVER FUND BALANCE WOULD BE
10 THE SAME.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE ARE AT THIS POINT NOW CARRYING OVER
13 HOW MUCH? FOR '02-'03, I MEAN FOR '03, NO, NO, '02-'03 YOU
14 CARRIED OUT -- YOU CARRY OVER HOW MUCH?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW. IT'S
17 \$185 MILLION IS THE ANTICIPATED FUND BALANCE FROM THE
18 DEPARTMENT, AT THIS POINT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, NOW THIS IS NOT DESIGNATION FUND?

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. SO HOW MUCH IS IN THE DESIGNATION FUND?

25



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1 **GARY WELLS:** THERE'S STILL 121 LEFT IN THE DESIGNATION FUND,
2 WHICH CAME OUT OF --.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S -- NO, 121 IS IN THE DESIGNATION.

5

6 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT. IT'S STILL THERE BECAUSE YOU PUT 244,
7 EXCUSE ME, 245 IN THE BUDGET.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. SO NOW YOU HAVE 121 AND YOU CARRIED OVER
10 IN FOR THE '03-'04 YOU CARRIED OVER 381?

11

12 **GARY WELLS:** NO 381 IS THE RESULT OF THE 121 THAT YOU HAD LEFT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SEE WHY DO YOU GUYS KEEP MESSING WITH THE SAME
15 THING? WHY DON'T YOU KEEP IT OVER IN THE SAME -- LET ME
16 UNDERSTAND IT. THIS IS NOW NOT A SURPLUS, THIS IS -- IN
17 DESIGNATION YOU HAVE 121.

18

19 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO NOW I'M ASKING YOU WHAT IS THE CARRY -- WHAT
22 IS THE LEFTOVER AMOUNT THAT YOU'RE CALLING IT, THE SURPLUS
23 FROM -- 'CAUSE NOW YOU HAVE SURPLUS IN '02-'03, RIGHT?

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1 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT. AND THE SURPLUS IN '02-'03, WELL IT'S --
2 IT'S ACTUALLY 260 BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GET TO 381 IS
3 TAKE 121 AND ADD 260 TO IT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S GOOD GUESSING AND THAT'S GOOD MATH BUT
6 THAT'S NOT THE WAY THESE THINGS WORK OKAY.

7

8 **GARY WELLS:** WELL BUT IT'S ACTUALLY ON OUR SCHEDULE.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

11

12 **GARY WELLS:** IT'S ACTUALLY, THE 260 IS ACTUALLY ON OUR
13 SCHEDULE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE FIRST PAGE --

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DO MEAN IT'S ON THE SCHEDULE?

16

17 **GARY WELLS:** WELL IT'S IN OUR PRESENTATION OF OUR FISCAL
18 OUTLOOK

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT I'M TRYING TO GET YOU TO EXPLAIN
21 THE MATH TO ME RIGHT NOW. AGAIN, ON THE 121, SO THAT WE'RE
22 CLEAR, THIS IS NOW WHAT'S LEFT IN THE DESIGNATION FUND, AS WE
23 START THE YEAR, 2003-2004, CORRECT?

24

25 **GARY WELLS:** CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, I'M ASKING YOU NOW, WHAT IS THE SURPLUS FROM
3 '02-'03 THAT YOU'RE CARRYING OVER?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE -- THE SURPLUS IS THREE FIGURES, 185
6 MILLION OF FUND BALANCE.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE, FUND BALANCE.

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** FUND BALANCE, THAT'S THE ESTIMATE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WAIT, AGAIN FUND BALANCE IS MAKING UP WHAT
13 NUMBERS SO THAT WE KNOW?

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THOSE ARE THE -- THAT'S THE 103 ADDITIONAL
16 THAT THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED ABOVE THE 81 THAT WAS IDENTIFIED IN
17 APRIL. SO THAT'S 185. IT INCLUDES ADDITIONAL C.B.R.C. REVENUE,
18 IT INCLUDES ADDITIONAL INSURANCE REVENUE, IT INCLUDES MEDI-
19 CAL, MEDICARE SETTLEMENTS, INCLUDES SOME INCREASED COSTS THAT
20 THEY HAD NOT IDENTIFIED, BUT THE NET FIGURE IS 185 AT THIS
21 TIME, IT MAY BE DIFFERENT A MONTH FROM NOW WHEN WE ACCESS
22 THOSE BOOKS. SO THAT'S THE FIRST PART OF FUND BALANCE. THERE
23 ARE TWO OTHER FIGURES THAT GET YOU TO GARY'S 260.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT WHAT TWO NUMBERS DAVID, JUST
2 SO I KNOW?

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I'M JUST LOOKING RIGHT NOW AT 185.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** 185?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S ON THE FISCAL OUTLOOK, THE FIRST COLUMN,
9 TOP LEFT FIGURE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** 185 IS MADE UP OF SO THAT I KNOW?

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE 185 IS MADE UP OF 35 MILLION OF C.B.R.C.
14 INCREASED REVENUE. IT'S MADE UP OF ABOUT 11 OR 12 MILLION OF
15 UNANTICIPATED MEDI-CAL SETTLEMENTS --

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. YOU USED 1 --.

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S THE SECOND SPREADSHEET, SUPERVISOR.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DAVID, COULD I JUST INTERJECT A QUESTION
22 HERE? IS THE REASON IT'S 185 AND NOT 235 DID YOU NOT MOVE 50
23 MILLION INTO --.

24



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT, I'M GETTING THERE RIGHT, THERE ARE TWO
2 MORE FIGURES, ONE IS -- AND BOTH HAVING TO DO WITH THE
3 SETTLEMENT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE EQUIPMENT OR SOMETHING IN COUNTY U.S.C.?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL YEAH BUT -- THAT'S PART OF HOW YOU GET TO
8 A LOWER FIGURE BUT WE'RE JUST STARTING AT THE GROSS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME JUST AGAIN -- THIS IS WHERE I'M LOSING
11 YOU. SO I UNDERSTAND. YOU TOOK ME TO -- IN THE DESIGNATION
12 FUND THERE'S 121 MILLION IN THE BEGINNING OF '03-'04.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT AND IF YOU LOOK IN THE FIRST COLUMN
15 SUPERVISOR ON FISCAL OUTLOOK --.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. SO THAT'S IN THE DESIGNATION FUND.

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN IN '02-'03, YOU HAVE 185 MILLION, AND
22 IT'S MADE UP OF ALL OF THESE NUMBERS. AND THAT IS CALLED WHAT
23 NOW?

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S FUND BALANCE. ANTICIPATED FUND BALANCE.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHEREAS YOUR FUND BALANCE TO BEGIN WITH WAS
3 40 MILL?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. AND THEY HAD TO -- AND --

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, LET ME UNDERSTAND. 40 MILLION. SO YOU WERE
8 OFF BY HOW MANY MILLIONS?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AT THAT POINT IN TIME, AS OF A YEAR AGO, WE
11 WOULD'VE BEEN OFF BY \$185 MILLION.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. RIGHT NOW. I MEAN IN YOUR FUND BALANCE. WHEN
14 YOU STARTED YOU SAID THIS BUDGET WILL START WITH 40 MILL.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION BUT I THINK THEY
17 MADE THE 40 MILLION. [INAUDIBLE].

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I HATE TO DO THIS TO YOU. FUND BALANCE REALLY
20 IS THE 185 PLUS THE 40.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

23



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, BECAUSE WE ASSUMED THAT THEY WOULD MEET
2 40. THEY DID MEET 40, THAT WAS PART OF THE BUDGET REQUIREMENT,
3 THE 185 IS ON TOP OF THAT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT'S 185 PLUS 40?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M JUST TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH YOUR MATH HERE.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S 50?

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO THE 50 IS INCLUDED IN THE 185.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY SO NOW YOU'RE AT 225 IN, QUOTE, SURPLUS --.

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** FUND BALANCE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** FUND BALANCE.

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT, BUT SUPERVISOR --

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW MY OWN NUMBERS. YOU
24 DIDN'T PRESENT ME THE NUMBERS. I'M TRYING TO DO SIMPLE MATH
25 HERE, I'M ASKING SOME VERY BASIC QUESTIONS. SO NOW YOU'RE AT



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1 225, QUOTE, 'FUND BALANCE'. NOW YOU WERE TO ADD THIS TO --
2 WHAT NORMALLY HAPPENS HERE IS THIS GOES INTO, ACCORDING TO
3 THAT MOTION, INTO THE DESIGNATION FUND, CORRECT?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ONLY 185 OF IT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ONLY 185 BECAUSE 40 WAS WHAT YOU ESTIMATED AND
8 WHAT YOU WOULD BUDGET ON.

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** PART OF THE ONGOING BUDGET.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO NOW AGAIN SO YOU HAVE THE 185 PLUS THE 121, IS
13 THAT CORRECT?

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT UH-HUH.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY WHAT ELSE GOES INTO DESIGNATION?

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THEN YOU HAVE TO ADD THE \$80 MILLION FROM
20 S.P.C.P., THE U.P.L., PART OF THE TRANSITION AGREEMENT WITH
21 THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THAT WAS A MULTI-YEAR
22 AGREEMENT THAT'S PREVIOUSLY --

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHOW ME WHERE IT IS IN YOUR DOCUMENTS.

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AGAIN THE SPREADSHEET, JUST ON THE FIRST
2 COLUMN.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** FISCAL OUTLOOK.

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** UH-HUH, FIRST COLUMN, THE ONLY NUMBERS THAT
7 ARE NOT ON THIS SHEET SUPERVISOR IS THE 40 MILLION ASSUMED
8 FUND BALANCE. EVERYTHING ELSE IS HERE. SO 80 MILLION IS THIS
9 YEAR. 70 MILLION NEXT YEAR, 50 MILLION THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AND
10 SO THAT GETS ADDED TO DESIGNATION. AND THEN YOU ALSO ADD 50
11 MILLION FROM THE OUTPATIENT LAWSUIT, THAT WAS PART OF THE
12 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS
13 WELL. SO THAT'S HOW GARY GETS TO HIS 381.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN THE PROJECTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE OR THE
16 CALCULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE UP TO NOW, WHAT WAS SUPPOSED
17 TO BE THIS NUMBER? [MIXED VOICES].

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE DID NOT KNOW IN
20 APRIL IS \$103 MILLION. THAT'S THE ADDITIONAL FUND BALANCE THAT
21 THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF IN APRIL WHEN THEY DID THE FORECAST.
22 THEY WERE AWARE OF ALL THE REST OF THESE NUMBERS AND THEY WERE
23 PRESENTED.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, AND MY CONCERN, AND AS YOU KNOW, I
2 THINK IT'S VERY TROUBLING WHEN WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO MAKE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS TO US AND WE MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON THESE
4 NUMBERS, AND IT'S VERY UNSETTLING. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO RELY
5 ON FOLKS THAT GIVE US THEIR BEST NUMBER POSSIBLE AND WE NEED
6 TO MAKE THE BEST DECISION. BUT IT COSTS PLENTY. IT COSTS
7 PEOPLE LOSING THEIR JOBS, IT COSTS US CLOSING HOSPITALS, COSTS
8 US CLOSING BEDS, IT COSTS US ELIMINATION OF SOME SERVICES AND
9 IT CREATES A DILEMMA IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT IT'S VERY DIFFICULT
10 FOR ME WHEN WE ARE PRESENTED WITH NUMBERS THAT JUST SORT OF
11 SURPRISE US AND THAT'S WHAT SOME OF THESE NUMBERS DO HERE. AND
12 THEN WHEN YOU GET THE EXPLANATION OF HOW THESE NUMBERS CAME
13 ABOUT IS EVEN MORE SHOCKING. AND I AM TOTALLY AT DISMAY AND IT
14 JUST GIVES ME QUITE A LESSON OF WHAT TO SAY ABOUT THIS
15 DEPARTMENT AND ITS MATH. I HAVE BEEN TROUBLED SINCE I GOT HERE
16 ABOUT THIS BUDGET. I HIRED TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE TO EVER TRY
17 AND EXPLAIN IT TO ME AND THEY SPENT ONE, A COUPLE OF MONTHS
18 AND ONE, A COUPLE OF YEARS AND IN THAT LIFETIME WAS NOT ABLE
19 TO DECIPHER THIS BUDGET. WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TRYING TO
20 FIGURE IT OUT. I ALWAYS HAVE TRIED TO MAKE IT AS SIMPLE AS
21 POSSIBLE BUT IT'S NOT. YET AT THE SAME TIME I THINK IT'S THIS
22 DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE IT AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE
23 BECAUSE ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO US IS TO PRESENT THESE NUMBERS
24 AND THESE SCENARIOS AND WE MAKE DECISIONS AND WE CALL THEM
25 RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS EVEN THOUGH SOME PEOPLE ON THIS BOARD



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1 CONTINUE TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE DIFFERENT, WHO WE CLAIM
2 ARE IRRESPONSIBLE BUT I WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO SUPERVISOR KNABE
3 FOR MAKING SUCH A REMARK BECAUSE IT WAS I WHO WAS
4 IRRESPONSIBLE IN TRUSTING THE DEPARTMENT ON NUMBERS THAT KEEP
5 CHANGING ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND DO I APOLOGIZE TO YOU, DON,
6 ON THAT BECAUSE AS I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THESE FIGURES, IT IS
7 VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT THIS DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO DO AN AWFUL LOT
8 OF WORK IN LOOKING AT SIMPLE MATH. DON'T TRY AND CONFUSE IT
9 AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT. JUST AS I WENT THROUGH THE NUMBERS
10 AND WE GO THROUGH THEM ON A REGULAR BASIS, THIS IS WHY WE LOSE
11 OUR CREDIBILITY. WHETHER IT BE IN SACRAMENTO, WHO DOESN'T HAVE
12 MUCH CREDIBILITY TO BEGIN WITH ANY WAY, OR WHETHER WE GO TO
13 WASHINGTON, D.C. WITH THESE NUMBERS. THEY CAN'T BE EVER-
14 CHANGING. WHEN I HAVE TO TALK TO CONSTITUENTS, AND I DID,
15 WHETHER IT WAS IN POMONA OR WHETHER I WENT OUT TO THE
16 SOUTHEAST AND WE TALK AND TRY TO EXPLAIN THE KIND OF CUTS TO
17 THE COMMUNITY IT IS VERY DISCONCERTING TO SEE THESE NUMBERS
18 POP BACK UP ON A REGULAR BASIS AND I'M VERY CONCERNED. I THINK
19 THAT IN THIS EXPLANATION OF THE SO-CALLED 103-104 I ASKED
20 QUESTIONS ABOUT A GOOD DEAL OF IT AND I AM CONCERNED ABOUT IT
21 AND I THINK THAT, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO CONSERVATIVE
22 BUDGETING, I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF IT, BUT WHEN YOU LEAD ME TO
23 BELIEVE A NUMBER TO BE REAL AND IT'S NOT REAL, I DON'T KNOW
24 WHETHER IT'S CONSERVATIVE FISCAL OUTCASTING WHICH ALL OF US
25 CAN BUY BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE MAKING DECISIONS BASED ON



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1 THAT, WE'RE ELIMINATING PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOODS, WE'RE LIMITING
2 PEOPLE'S ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE. AND THESE ARE THINGS THAT I DO
3 NOT WISH TO DO AT ALL IF I DON'T HAVE TO AND I THINK THAT THIS
4 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MAKING DECISIONS FOR US BY PRESENTING ITS
5 NUMBERS AND I DON'T APPRECIATE IT AT ALL AND IT IS VERY
6 UNLIKELY THAT I'LL EVER TRUST THE NUMBERS AGAIN. I'M GOING TO
7 WORK HARD AT GETTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BUT TRUSTING THEM
8 IS DIFFERENT. IN YOUR SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AMOUNT
9 FOR '02-'03, YOU SAID THERE WAS A SAVINGS OF 4.4 MILLION. AND
10 ALL OF IT YOU CAN FIND BEING BASICALLY ONE-TIME MONIES. I
11 WOULD STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT THIS IS A GOOD NUMBER TO START
12 TARGETING FOR ON A REGULAR SET OF SAVINGS. AGAIN, A LOT OF IT
13 WAS BECAUSE OF HIRING AND NOT HIRING AND SO ON. WE HAVE A
14 HIRING FREEZE IN PLACE AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR BUDGETED
15 AMOUNT IS. WE DON'T DO AN AUDIT OF EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOUR
16 POSITIONS. AND VERY FRANKLY, THERE ARE A LOT OF FUNDED
17 POSITIONS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT THAT ARE STILL YET TO BE HIRED,
18 AND PROBABLY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NURSES, WITH THE EXCEPTION
19 OF NURSES, I CAN'T SEE ANY REASON WHY YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE AN
20 ANNUALIZED SAVINGS LARGER THAN YOU ANTICIPATE AND AGAIN BEING
21 AS CONSERVATIVE AS POSSIBLE. BUT WHAT CONCERNS ME THE MOST IS
22 PROBABLY IN YOUR SALARIES AND SUPPLIES SAVINGS OF THE 20
23 MILLION WHICH WAS CALCULATED AND YOU GAVE US, AND YOU TOLD ME
24 THAT 15 MILLION OF IT WAS FROM I.T. KIND OF VARIOUS SAVINGS
25 THAT ARE THERE. I THINK IT'S A WONDERFUL SAVINGS, AND I'M



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1 ASSUMING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAVE THAT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS,
2 YOU CAN DO IT ONCE, YOU CAN DO IT AGAIN, OR YOU SHOULD SHOOT
3 FOR AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE. THERE'S NOTHING UNIQUE ABOUT THESE,
4 AS I WENT THROUGH THEM I COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING UNIQUE ABOUT
5 THEM, SO IF IN FACT THAT'S THE KIND OF SAVINGS THAT YOU CAN
6 GET, YOU SHOULD TARGET FOR THAT ON A REGULAR BASIS. I
7 UNDERSTAND THE INSURANCE ISSUE, AND I'M NOT GOING TO MEDDLE
8 WITH THAT, BECAUSE THAT IS EXPLANATORY, ONE TIME. ON THE
9 MEDICARE ISSUE, I UNDERSTAND THAT AS WELL, BUT ON THE MEDI-
10 CAL, AN OVER-REALIZATION OF PRIOR YEAR'S REVENUE ACCRUALS,
11 PLEASE, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE TO GET BETTER AT. YOU
12 HAVE A WHOLE COLLECTION STAFF, YOU HAVE COLLECTION PROCESSES,
13 YOU SHOULD DO BETTER CALCULATIONS, AND YOU GOT ME TO SAY THAT
14 THESE ARE OVER-REALIZED IS JUST SHORTCHANGING. WHEN I LOOKED
15 AT THE CUTS THAT WE MADE, 25 MILLION, AND THE KIND OF PAIN
16 THAT THAT CARRIED OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, THE CLOSING OF
17 CLINICS, AND WE SAID TO EVERYBODY, AND I WENT OUT IN THE
18 COMMUNITY AND TOLD THEM, I SAID, "DON'T WORRY, BECAUSE WE'RE
19 NOT LIMITING SERVICES; YOU JUST HAVE TO DRIVE A LITTLE FURTHER
20 TO ACCESS THE SERVICE." WELL, IT'S AMAZING TO ME THAT YOU CAN
21 FIND, BY JUST GOING OUT THERE AND HAVING STRONGER COLLECTIONS,
22 THAT YOU CAN REALIZE 50% OF THE MONEY THAT IS THERE IS AMAZING
23 TO ME, SO I THINK THERE SHOULD BE A TARGET THAT YOU SHOULD GO
24 TO. AND AGAIN, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THESE COMMITMENTS THAT
25 YOU'VE HAD FOR WHAT WAS AN AMOUNT THAT'S ONGOING, AT LEAST YOU



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1 COMMITTED TO 7.5 THAT IS THERE. AND SO I THINK IT SPEAKS
2 MIGHTILY TO THE KIND OF MATHEMATICS AND THE KIND OF
3 CALCULATIONS THAT YOU HAVE. SO WHAT I HAVE DONE IN MY BUDGET,
4 JUST SO THAT YOU KNOW, AND I'LL BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU MY FUNNY
5 MATH TO ACCOMPANY YOUR FUNNY MATH, IN THE '03-'04 BUDGET, YOU
6 HAD \$381 MILLION DOLLARS, QUOTE, RIGHT, THAT IS DESIGNATION
7 FUND. IS THAT CORRECT?

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. I WOULD ADD TO IT THE 55 MILLION WHICH WE
12 DON'T HAVE TO DO, WE DON'T HAVE TO -- WE CAN FUND THOSE
13 THINGS, AND AGAIN, DAVID, I KNOW YOU CAN MAKE DECISIONS ALL BY
14 YOURSELF, BUT THERE IS ANOTHER DECISION THAT SHOULD BE MADE
15 AND THAT CAN BE ADDED ON THERE. THAT WOULD BRING US TO 436
16 MILLION. AND THEN AGAIN, IF YOU COULD ACHIEVE WHAT YOU
17 ACHIEVED THE LAST TIME, THAT'S 103 MILLION THAT WOULD -- THAT
18 COULD GO IN THERE, SO YOU HAVE THE POTENTIAL, AND I'LL GIVE
19 YOU MY FUNNY MATH, OF \$458 MILLION THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO
20 CARRY OVER IN YOUR DESIGNATION FUND, AND I HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN
21 TO DISCUSS, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT, BUT I AM GOING
22 TO HAVE SOMEBODY CALCULATE IT FOR ME, YOU VERY CONSERVATIVELY
23 APPROACH OUR PROP B, AND THIS IS A TIME THAT AGAIN EVERYTHING
24 SHOULD BE CONSERVATIVE, BUT TO CARRY IT ACROSS FOR AS MANY
25 YEARS AND THE NUMBER THAT YOU CARRIED IS INAPPROPRIATE, I



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1 THINK IT'S VERY MISLEADING TO ALL OF US. I THINK THERE ARE
2 SOME SIMPLE CALCULATIONS THAT CAN BE MADE. WHAT'S AMAZING TO
3 ME ABOUT THIS COUNTY AND HOW THIS COUNTY OPERATES, AND HAVING
4 BEEN CALLED A SCALLYWAG BY LEADERS UP IN SACRAMENTO ABOUT OUR
5 NUMBERS, AND HAVING TO GO UP THERE AND REPRESENT THEM WITH
6 BOLD -- BOLDLY, IS VERY, VERY EMBARRASSING TO SIT HERE, BUT I
7 THINK THAT I'M JUST AS MUCH AS ENTITLED TO FUNNY MATH AS YOU
8 ARE. I'LL BE MAKING DECISIONS ACCORDINGLY. BUT THE BIGGEST
9 PROBLEM OF ALL IS THAT WHEN YOU MAKE THESE CONSERVATIVE
10 DECISIONS, JUST NUMBERS THAT YOU PRESENT TO US, IT IS NO
11 DIFFERENT BY TRYING TO MISINFORM ME, TRYING TO GET ME TO MAKE
12 DECISIONS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MADE BASED ON INFORMATION
13 THAT IS INCORRECT, AND IT'S REALLY UNFORTUNATE, BECAUSE I, ON
14 THE BOARD, HAVE TO RELY ON PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES TO GIVE ME
15 THE INFORMATION THAT I NEED TO MAKE THE DECISIONS, AND I
16 LOOKED AT THESE NUMBERS, AND THEY'RE SHOCKING AND THEY'RE
17 APPALLING TO ME THAT WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT WHO PLAYS SO LOOSELY
18 WITH THESE FIGURES TO GET US TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE
19 INAPPROPRIATE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY THAT'S SO DESPERATELY
20 IN NEED AND TRYING TO PRESENT SOME KIND OF A PICTURE TO
21 WHETHER IT BE SACRAMENTO OR TO OUR POLITICIANS IN WASHINGTON,
22 D.C. LIKE I SAID, SINCE I GOT HERE, EVERYBODY WARNED ME NOT TO
23 TRUST THE NUMBERS, THIS WAS A COUNTY THAT ALWAYS FIGURED OUT
24 HOW TO COME UP WITH MONEY WHEN THEY NEEDED IT FOR THE THINGS
25 THAT THEY WANTED TO DO, BUT NOT WHEN THEY WERE IN THE BEST



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1 INTEREST OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE MOST IN NEED. SO I'M VERY
2 DISAPPOINTED IN THE CALCULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED
3 TODAY. I THINK YOU SHOULD DO A BETTER JOB AT TRYING TO GET
4 CLOSER TO THE NUMBERS. I APPRECIATE A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH,
5 AND MAYBE NEXT TIME, YOU CAN GIVE US OPTIONS AND LET US KNOW
6 WHAT THOSE REAL NUMBERS, THE PROP B IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE, BUT
7 THAT IS NOT A REAL NUMBER THAT WILL RUN ALL THE WAY THROUGH.
8 SO IT CONTINUES TO MISLEAD US AND TRYING TO FORCE US TO MAKE
9 DECISIONS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MADE, AS CUTS IN THE
10 DEPARTMENT THAT MAYBE SOMETIMES DON'T NEED TO BE THERE.

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THERE IS -- COULD I JUST MAKE A COUPLE
13 OF QUICK COMMENTS? FIRST OF ALL, I CERTAINLY DON'T BELIEVE
14 THERE'S BEEN ANY INTENT TO MISINFORM, BUT I TAKE VERY
15 SERIOUSLY THE CONCERN YOU HAVE, AND I AGREE, AND WE'LL DO
16 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE THESE AS ACCURATE AND AS FORTHCOMING
17 AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE. I WOULD POINT OUT TO -- ONE THING IS THAT
18 WHEN WE LOOKED BACK OVER 10 YEARS TO SEE IF WE COULD PREDICT
19 VARIABILITY AND THE DIFFERENT OVER-AND-UNDER ESTIMATES THAT
20 OUR DEPARTMENT HAS MADE, WHEN WE LOOK BACK OVER THAT 10 YEARS
21 THAT THE VARIABILITY IS VERY HARD TO PREDICT, IT OCCURS IN
22 DIFFERENT PLACES, ALMOST SOMETIMES UNLESS YOU LIVED HERE YOU
23 WEREN'T EVEN SURE OF SOME OF THE REASONS EVEN IN RETROSPECT
24 WHY IT HAD THAT VARIABILITY. BUT WE ABSOLUTELY IN NO WAY ARE
25 TRYING TO GIVE YOU ANYTHING BUT OUR BEST ASSESSMENT, WE'RE



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1 OBVIOUSLY FAILING IN MAKING THAT CRYSTAL CLEAR, AND WE'LL
2 REDEDICATE OUR EFFORTS TO GIVING YOU THE MOST ACCURATE DATA
3 HUMANLY POSSIBLE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND THEN SUPERVISOR
6 YAROSLAVSKY HAS INDICATED HE WANTED TO ASK QUESTIONS AND THEN
7 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAVE
10 APPROPRIATE STAFFING TO PROVIDE PSYCH SERVICES FOR HEALTH
11 SERVICE FACILITIES?

12

13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL WE'RE NOT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS US TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THEY
15 HAVE DECREASED THAT -- THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT THEY'RE
16 PROVIDING US OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. THAT'S NOT GOING TO
17 ALLOW US TO FUND FROM THEIR REVENUES ALL THE COSTS, AND SO
18 WE'RE REALLY STUCK NOW WITH MORE COSTS TO CONTINUE THE SAME
19 SERVICES BASED ON SMALLER AMOUNTS OF FUNDING FOR MENTAL
20 HEALTH.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU HAVE MORE COSTS FOR A DEPARTMENT OF
23 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BEING PROVIDED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 HEALTH FACILITIES.

25



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** MAINTAINING OUR CURRENT SERVICES COSTS
2 MORE THAN WE'RE GOING TO GET IN REVENUE. THEY'VE DECREASED
3 THEIR FUNDING BY 15 MILLION --

4
5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REVENUE SHORTFALL?

6
7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, RIGHT.

8
9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE SHORTFALL HAS -- HAVE THERE BEEN
10 DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIVATE HOSPITALS TO CONTRACT IN-PATIENT
11 PSYCH SERVICES?

12
13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THEY DO CONTRACTING ON A REGULAR BASIS.
14 WE'VE NOT CONTACTED PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN ANY DISCUSSIONS YET.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT CAN WE DO TO EXPLORE THAT?

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18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THERE REALLY IS -- I THINK THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WOULD BE THE ONE WHO'D HAVE TO DO
20 THE CONTRACTING, SO IT WOULD BE UP TO THEM. WE'RE CURRENTLY
21 WORKING WELL I THINK WELL WITH MENTAL HEALTH TO UNDERSTAND THE
22 EXACT CAUSES OF OUR DAYS IN PSYCHIATRY. WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT
23 NUMBER OF DAYS THAT ARE UN-REIMBURSED. THEY'RE ADMINISTRATIVE
24 DAYS, AND IT'S OUR BELIEF THAT, IN PART, THAT RELATES TO THE
25 MECHANISM BY WHICH OUR PATIENTS ARE ACCEPTED INTO LOCKED



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1 FACILITIES, WHICH IS, IN PART, CONTROLLED BY MENTAL HEALTH,
2 AND SO WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND THAT
3 MECHANISM AND SEE IF WE CAN JUST IMPROVE THE FLOW OF PATIENTS
4 OUT OF OUR FACILITIES AND REDUCE THAT DEFICIT.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF YOU HAVE A SHORTAGE OF FUNDS TO
7 PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
8 YOUR HEALTH FACILITIES, THEN WOULDN'T IT BE PRUDENT TO EXPLORE
9 CONTRACTING WITH THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS FOR PSYCH SERVICES?

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11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT. WELL, WE'VE CERTAINLY BROUGHT
12 UP TO MENTAL HEALTH THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE SHOULDN'T BE
13 PUTTING OUR HEALTHCARE DOLLARS INTO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
14 WHAT THEY'RE REIMBURSING US AND OUR COSTS, AND THAT ONE OPTION
15 IF THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN BUY THAT SERVICE AT THE COST
16 THEY'RE PROVIDING US IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THEN THEY SHOULD
17 TRY TO DO THAT, BECAUSE WE DON'T SEE WHERE WE CAN MAKE UP THE
18 SAVINGS AS OF YET.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE THE LABOR UNIONS' CONCERNS ABOUT
21 DEVELOPING A LEGISLATION FOR L.A. CARE TO RECOGNIZE THE
22 COUNTY'S CURRENT M.O.U. WITH LABOR UNIONS AS IT RELATES TO
23 CONTRACTING WITH L.A. CARE?

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1 **FRED LEAF:** THE ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR L.A. CARE HAS IN IT A
2 REQUIREMENT THAT ANY FUNCTIONS ASSUMED BY L.A. CARE FROM THE
3 COUNTY WOULD HAVE ATTACHED TO IT THE EXISTING M.O.U.S
4 ASSOCIATED WITH THE EMPLOYEES PROVIDING THOSE FUNCTIONS. IN
5 THIS CASE, L.A. CARE HAS ESTIMATED IT WOULD HAVE AN INCREASED
6 COST TO THEM AS A RESULT OF ASSUMING THE ADMINISTRATIVE
7 FUNCTIONS WE ARE CONTEMPLATING CONTRACTING TO THEM, SO THAT'S
8 THE ISSUE.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THEIR LABOR'S VIEW IN ESTABLISHING A
11 J.P.A. WITH THE COUNTY TO CREATE A SEPARATE ENTITY THAT WOULD
12 ASSUME THE CONTRACTING OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN
13 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION RATHER THAN HAVING L.A. CARE PERFORM
14 THOSE?

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16 **FRED LEAF:** THERE CERTAINLY ARE -- THERE ARE CERTAIN
17 EFFICIENCIES THAT L.A. CARE BELIEVES WOULD OCCUR BY
18 ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE ENTITY, AND THERE ARE CERTAIN
19 INDEPENDENCE THAT WOULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THAT -- BY THE
20 ESTABLISHMENT OF THAT ENTITY. BUT AT THIS POINT, THERE ARE A
21 NUMBER OF LEGAL ISSUES, QUESTIONS AS TO ITS EFFICACY, AND JUST
22 AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD WORK, AND RIGHT NOW, WE ARE NOT
23 SUPPORTING OR RECOMMENDING THAT, THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE LAST BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE,
2 THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF SOLE SOURCING
3 THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN WITH L.A. CARE WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE
4 THE ONLY PUBLIC ENTITY THAT COULD DO THE ADMINISTRATIVE
5 FUNCTION, BUT IF A J.P.A. IS FORMED, WOULD NOT L.A. CARE
6 PERFORM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PLANS ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS
7 DIRECTLY?

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9 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, THAT WOULD REQUIRE A CONTRACT WITH THE
10 J.P.A., YOU KNOW, FROM THE COUNTY TO FUND THE OPERATION. I
11 MEAN, IT COULD FUNCTION IN THAT MANNER, BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER
12 OF ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH IT THAT WE, AT THIS POINT, DON'T
13 BELIEVE WE CAN OVERCOME.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE REASON WHY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
16 NEEDS TO APPROVE THE INCREASE OF MEDI-CAL RATES FOR MANAGED
17 CARE SERVICES FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY BEFORE THEY BEGIN LOOKING
18 AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY?

19

20 **FRED LEAF:** I BELIEVE IT'S JUST, AND GARY, CORRECT ME IF I'M
21 WRONG, BUT I BELIEVE IT'S JUST A MATTER OF WHO'S IN THE FRONT
22 OF THE LINE IN TERMS OF THE PROCESSING OF THE --

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24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY HAVE
25 DISAPPROVED THOSE AND THE STATE WAS HESITANT TO PUT OURS



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1 FORWARD UNTIL THEY HAD A READING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
2 ON THAT PARTICULAR --

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN DO WE ANTICIPATE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
5 LOOKING AT THE COUNTY?

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7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK WORKING WITH THE STATE TO SEE
8 WHETHER THEY'RE WILLING TO SEND IT FORWARD BASED ON THE
9 FEEDBACK THEY GOT FROM SAN MATEO COUNTY.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** DID YOU SAY THAT -- THE MEMO THAT I SAW, DID YOU
12 SAY THAT THEY DENIED SAN MATEO?

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14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

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16 **FRED LEAF:** YES. THEY HAVE, IN FACT, DENIED OUR, WELL NOT
17 DENIED, THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT APPROVE THE
18 REQUESTS THAT WE HAVE PUT FORTH. THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THE
19 MONEY GENERATED OUT OF THE I.G.T. WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN WITH
20 THE HEALTH PLAN, WHICH WOULD BE L.A. CARE IN THIS CASE, WHICH
21 WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT RESULT IN THE BENEFIT WE HAD ANTICIPATED.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE A TARGET DATE FOR WHICH WE WILL HEAR
24 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE DISH FLEXIBILITY
25 CONTRACT PROPOSAL?



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK IT WAS OFFICIALLY SUBMITTED ON
3 MAY 2ND, AND THERE WAS AT LEAST AN INTENTION EXPRESSED BY THEM
4 TO TURN IT AROUND IN 90 DAYS, SO WHAT'S THAT? JUNE, JULY?
5 PROBABLY THE FIRST PART OF AUGUST WE WOULD HOPE TO HEAR AT
6 LEAST THEIR INITIAL FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSAL.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT THIS WEEK.

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10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OR NEXT. IN THE PAST, YOUR -- THE DEPARTMENT
13 HAS ESTIMATED THAT THE DISH FLEXIBILITY WOULD BRING IN ABOUT
14 \$25 MILLION. NOW IT'S ESTIMATED TO BE \$9 MILLION DUE TO THE
15 COURT DECISIONS. WHY IS THE DISH FLEXIBILITY SO LOW?

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17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL IT'S REALLY TIED TO THE CLOSURE OF
18 INPATIENTS IN RETAINING THOSE DOLLARS AND THE OUTPATIENT
19 SETTING AS WE MOVED -- MOVE MORE PATIENTS IN CARE INTO THAT
20 SETTING, AND WITH US KEEPING RANCHO OPEN AND THE BEDS OPEN AT
21 L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. THERE'S LESS DOLLARS AT PLAY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS ARE
24 EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN BECOMING FEDERALLY-QUALIFIED HEALTH
25 CENTERS, AND WHAT ARE THE ISSUES THAT WE FACE?



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FRED LEAF: WELL, THE PRIMARY ISSUE THAT WE FACE IS WITH OUR
PRIMARY -- IS WITH OUR HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT, THAT'S THE BIGGEST
AREA WHERE WE BELIEVE WE WILL FACE A PROBLEM IN TERMS OF
PERMANENTLY RECEIVING F.Q.H.C. STATUS WHICH CONTINUES THE COST
BASE REIMBURSEMENT. SO THAT'S THE PRIMARY AREA WHERE WE HAVE A
PROBLEM, AND PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF GOVERNANCE AND ISSUES
ASSOCIATED WITH HOSPITAL-BASED CARE, WHEREAS THE P.P.P.S --
AND FOR THE MOST PART, HAVE A MUCH -- A BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO
ESTABLISH THEMSELVES AS AN F.Q.H.C.

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DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE: WE HAVE A PROPOSAL INTO THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT TO GAIN THAT STATUS AND SHOULD HEAR, I BELIEVE IT'S
NEXT MONTH, AND IF THAT FAILS, THEN WE HAVE TWO ALTERNATIVES
TO GO FORWARD AND THE TIME TO DO THAT, BUT WE ARE VERY
CONCERNED, WE TRACK THIS ON A REGULAR BASIS.

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FRED LEAF: ONE IS A HOUSING GRANT, THROUGH A HOUSING GRANT AND
THE OTHER IS THROUGH A POSSIBLE HOMELESS GRANT.

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SUP. ANTONOVICH: WELL ANY FUND BALANCE WITHIN YOUR DEPARTMENT
IS APPLIED TO FUTURE YEARS' SHORTFALLS, AND THIS BOARD HAS
INSTRUCTED AND DIRECTED THE DEPARTMENT TO RESTRUCTURE IN ORDER
TO BRING SPENDING IN LINE WITH ACTUAL COSTS. IF WE HAVE
LEARNED ANYTHING FROM THE STATE, IT'S THAT YOU HAVE TO ALIGN

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1 ACTUAL COSTS WITH DOLLARS ON HAND AND WE CAN'T TAKE A SURPLUS
2 AND CONTINUE TO SPEND WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HOW MUCH
3 THIS WILL COST THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. OUR EXPENSES
4 EXCEED OUR INCOME, AND WE NEED TO BRING THEM IN LINE. WHAT IS
5 THE DEFICIT FOR NEXT YEAR AND WHAT IS YOUR PROPOSED DEFICIT
6 FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR?

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8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, I THINK THAT THAT'S PRETTY WELL
9 OUTLINED ON ATTACHMENT 1, AND WE WOULD ANTICIPATE A SHORTFALL
10 OF 55 MILLION FOR NEXT YEAR, AND 343.6 FOR THE YEAR AFTER.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 340 --

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14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** -- 3.6.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 43.6. IT'S RESPONSIBLE PLANNING. THIS IS WHAT
17 I HAVE BEEN URGING SINCE WE HAD THE FIRST WAIVER UNDER
18 PRESIDENT CLINTON, IS THAT WE BEGIN THE GRADUAL REDUCTIONS
19 EACH YEAR SO WE ARE NOT LEFT WITH A BALLOON PAYMENT AT THE END
20 OF THE WAIVER, WHICH IS GOING TO HAVE A CATASTROPHIC IMPACT IN
21 THE DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE IN THIS COUNTY. AND IT MAKES SENSE
22 THAT WE BUY DOWN THOSE SHORTFALLS FOR THE NEXT TWO TO THREE
23 YEARS NOW AND NOT HAVE THE BALLOON PAYMENT HITTING US BETWEEN
24 THE EYES AND HAVING THE TITANIC HIT THE ICEBERG AND SINK, AND
25 WHAT WE NEED TO DO, IF WE HAVE IDENTIFIED SOME ADDITIONAL



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1 DOLLARS BECAUSE OF THE RESTRUCTURING THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING, IS
2 BEGIN TO APPLY THOSE SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE BIG DEFICIT TWO
3 YEARS FROM TODAY. WE NEED TO APPLY THAT AND WE NEED TO HAVE A
4 GRADUAL REDUCTION OF THOSE DEFICITS SO THAT WE DO HAVE AN
5 ABILITY WHERE OUR EXPENSES DO NOT EXCEED OUR INCOME, BUT WE'RE
6 ABLE TO HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I REALLY JUST WANT TO MAKE SOME
9 COMMENTS. AND BUDGETING IS A DYNAMIC PROCESS, AND I THINK WE
10 ALL NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT, AND THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO RECOGNIZE
11 THAT. SOMETIMES YOU ESTIMATE MORE, SOMETIMES YOU ESTIMATE
12 LESS. THE OBJECTIVE IS TRY TO KEEP IT AS CLOSE TO THE X-AXIS,
13 TO THE ZERO LINE AS POSSIBLE SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE WILD
14 OSCILLATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF -- IN YOUR PROJECTIONS, WHICH
15 CAN WREAK HAVOC WITH DECISION-MAKING AND POLICY-MAKING. I HAVE
16 NO DISAGREEMENT WITH THE FRUSTRATION THAT -- NOT JUST WITH
17 YOUR DEPARTMENT, BUT WITH EVERY DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT, I.S.D., EVERY DEPARTMENT HAS THESE DIFFERING
19 REALITIES, DIFFERING FROM THE PROJECTIONS THAT WERE MADE AT
20 THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, HOWEVER,
21 TO PUT IT ALL IN PERSPECTIVE. WHAT'S YOUR BUDGET? 3 POINT
22 WHAT?

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24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THREE BILLION.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** \$3 BILLION? SO YOU WERE OFF BY ONE OR 2% IN
2 YOUR PROJECTIONS THIS YEAR. LAST YEAR IT MAY HAVE BEEN LESS.
3 NEXT YEAR IT MAY BE LESS, THE PREVIOUS YEAR IT MAY BE MORE.
4 AND IT'S TRUE, IT'S TRUE THAT DECISIONS WERE MADE AND
5 DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE OVER A PERIOD OF -- WELL, QUITE A FEW
6 YEARS, AND ESPECIALLY THE LAST YEAR BASED ON PROJECTIONS. BUT
7 THE PROJECTIONS THAT WE ARE BASING OUR DECISIONS ON WERE NOT
8 JUST THIS YEAR'S PROJECTIONS, BUT KIND OF A LONGER-TERM VIEW
9 OF WHAT'S HAPPENING. AND IT'S ALL IN THE ASSUMPTIONS, IT'S ALL
10 IN THE ASSUMPTIONS YOU MAKE, AND IF YOU MAKE A BUNCH OF
11 OPTIMISTIC ASSUMPTIONS, LIKE THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE
12 GOVERNOR MAKING THEM AS WE SPEAK, THAT STATE EMPLOYEES ARE
13 GOING TO TAKE A 10% PAY CUT IN THEIR PAY THIS YEAR, THEN YOU
14 CAN SCORE ANOTHER BILLION DOLLARS IN YOUR BUDGET. IF THEY
15 DON'T TAKE A 10% CUT IN THEIR PAY, YOU GOT A BILLION-DOLLAR --
16 AN ADDITIONAL BILLION-DOLLAR PROBLEM. SO IT'S ALL IN THE
17 ASSUMPTIONS YOU MAKE, AND I THINK YOUR ASSUMPTIONS HAVE BEEN
18 REASONABLY CONSERVATIVE ASSUMPTIONS. I DON'T THINK THIS BOARD
19 WOULD WANT IT ANY OTHER WAY. IN FACT, THE BOARD HAS ASKED YOU
20 TO BE CONSERVATIVE TIME AFTER TIME. BECAUSE WHEN I FIRST GOT
21 HERE IN 1990 -- IN DECEMBER OF 1994, THIS HEALTH DEPARTMENT
22 WAS ALMOST A BILLION DOLLARS IN THE RED BECAUSE OF OPTIMISTIC
23 ASSUMPTIONS THAT WERE MADE, OR OPTIMISTIC EXPECTATIONS,
24 DEPENDING ON YOUR POINT OF VIEW THAT WERE MADE. WHATEVER THE



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1 REASON, THERE WAS A 900 -- WAS IT \$900 MILLION OVERALL AND 600
2 MILLION IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT? YEAH, WAS THAT 900 MILLION?

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4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SB-910 IT WAS 665 MILLION.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY SO 910 IS THE BILL NUMBER AND 600-
7 MILLION IS THE FIGURE? A \$600 MILLION HOLE BECAUSE SOMEBODY
8 DECIDED TO PUT IN, YOU KNOW, EXPECTATIONS OF \$600 MILLION THAT
9 DIDN'T MATERIALIZE, AND THEN THIS COUNTY SCURRIED AROUND FOR A
10 NUMBER OF MONTHS, AND THANKS TO THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION IN
11 WASHINGTON, GOT US BACK ON TRACK. SO THAT'S THE DANGER OF
12 MAKING LESS THAN THE CONSERVATIVE ASSUMPTIONS. I JUST WANT YOU
13 TO KNOW, AND I, SPEAKING FOR THIS SUPERVISOR, I WANT YOU TO BE
14 MORE CONSERVATIVE -- I'LL TAKE CONSERVATIVE ASSUMPTIONS OVER
15 LIBERAL ASSUMPTIONS ANY DAY OF THE WEEK, BECAUSE I'D RATHER BE
16 PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AT THE END OF THE YEAR THAN UNPLEASANTLY
17 SURPRISED. I'D RATHER BE FIGURING OUT WHAT WE HAVE TO FIGURE
18 OUT NOW, IT'S NOT EXACTLY A WINDFALL HERE, WE'RE LOOKING IN
19 TWO YEARS AT A BIG CLIFF, AND THAT CLIFF IS STILL THERE, BUT
20 I'D RATHER BE IN THAT POSITION THAN HAVING TO LOOK AT HOW
21 WE'RE GOING TO LAY OFF YET ANOTHER 3,000 PEOPLE TO MAKE ENDS
22 MEET. AND I THINK IT'S SERVED US WELL. IT HASN'T BEEN PRETTY.
23 IT HASN'T -- AND IT ISN'T PRETTY, AND NOBODY -- NOT ANY ONE OF
24 THE SUPERVISORS ENJOYS LAYING OFF A SINGLE EMPLOYEE AND, IN
25 FACT, WE'RE SPENDING A LOT OF TIME TRYING TO PREVENT JUST THAT



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1 IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS RIGHT NOW, WITH HOPEFULLY WITH SOME
2 SUCCESS. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S THE CORE MISSION --
3 OUR CORE MISSION IS TO HEAL THE SICK. IT'S NOT TO PROTECT THE
4 BUREAUCRACY. IT'S TO IMMUNIZE KIDS, IT'S TO PROVIDE CRITICAL
5 CARE AND TRAUMA CARE, AND ALL KINDS OF HEALTHCARE TO OUR
6 CITIZENRY AND TO OUR POPULATION. IT'S NOT TO PROP UP A 50-
7 YEAR-OLD SYSTEM THAT REALLY NEEDS TO BE OVERHAULED. NOW, DR.
8 GARTHWAITE, WHEN YOU GOT HERE, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
9 ATTRACTED US TO YOU, I THINK, IS YOUR REFORM AGENDA, AND YOUR
10 REFORM EXPERIENCE, AND I HOPE WE DON'T FORGET THAT THAT'S
11 STILL IN THE CARDS. IT'S HARD TO BE REFORMING WHEN YOU'RE
12 SCURRYING AROUND TRYING TO MAKE ENDS MEET, BUT TO THE EXTENT
13 THAT OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS WE CAN STABILIZE, IF WE
14 STABILIZE, SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE BEGUN TO DO AT
15 M.L.K. AND ELSEWHERE, EVEN SOME OF THE CLINIC CLOSURES WE
16 MADE, NOT ALL OF THEM, BUT SOME OF THEM, INCLUDING, IN MY
17 DISTRICT, WERE NOT JUST MADE FOR COST CUTTING REASONS, IF MY
18 MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECTLY, IT WAS MADE BECAUSE WE COULD
19 BETTER SPEND MONEY ELSEWHERE AND SOME OF THE CLINICS THAT WE
20 CLOSE ARE REALLY -- IT WAS HARD TO JUSTIFY THEIR CONTINUATION
21 GIVEN THE -- IN COMPARING THEIR PATIENT LOAD TO OTHER CLINICS
22 AROUND THE COUNTY. THINGS ARE DYNAMIC. THINGS ARE CHANGING ALL
23 THE TIME, AND THE CO-EFFICIENT, IF YOU WILL, OF NOT
24 RECOGNIZING THE DYNAMICS OF IT IS TO ASSUME THAT THE SYSTEM
25 THAT WE INHERITED WHEN WE ALL GOT HERE IS THE ONLY SYSTEM AND



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1 IS THE ONLY STRUCTURE, AND THAT'S NOT -- I DON'T THINK THAT'S
2 ANY OF US FEEL THAT WAY. AND I THINK MAYBE SOME OF THE
3 FRUSTRATION, AND I'M NOT HERE TO CRITICIZE, I THINK YOU NEED
4 TO JUST -- I THINK TIMELY INFORMATION, AS TIMELY AS IT CAN BE,
5 IS THE KEY. SOMEBODY SAID EARLIER, TRANSPARENCY. TRANSPARENCY
6 IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN BUDGETING, BUT IT'S HARD TO BE
7 TRANSPARENT WHEN THE GLASS YOU'RE LOOKING THROUGH IS QUITE
8 OPAQUE, AND I THINK THAT'S A FRUSTRATION THAT YOU'VE HEARD
9 EARLIER TODAY AND YOU'VE HEARD FROM ME IN OTHER VENUES. BUT
10 NEVERTHELESS, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE DYNAMICS OF THE
11 BUDGETING PROCESS, THE DYNAMICS OF THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY
12 INDUSTRY, AND THE DYNAMICS OF YOUR OWN ORGANIZATION -- I MEAN,
13 YOU CAN'T HAVE THE DYNAMICS -- FINANCIAL DYNAMICS, SUCH AS
14 THEY ARE AND THE DYNAMICS OF THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY INDUSTRY,
15 SUCH AS THEY ARE, AND NOT HAVE AN ORGANIZATION THAT YOU WANT
16 TO BE AS RESPONSIVE TO THE DYNAMICS, BECAUSE IT'LL CRUSH,
17 IT'LL GET CRUSHED UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THOSE DYNAMICS, AND
18 THAT'S WHAT -- TO ME, THAT'S THE BIGGEST FRUSTRATION, SO I
19 DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO TAKE A -- SOME SOLACE IN THE FACT THAT AT
20 THIS SNAPSHOT IN TIME, AT THIS PARTICULAR SPLIT SECOND, WE'RE
21 HERE, AND THEREFORE EVERY DECISION WE'VE MADE UP UNTIL NOW HAS
22 BEEN THE WRONG DECISION. I DON'T THINK IT HAS BEEN, AND I
23 DON'T THINK WE CAN -- I DON'T THINK WE'LL EVER KNOW THAT. I
24 DON'T THINK WE'LL EVER KNOW THAT, BECAUSE A YEAR FROM NOW, TWO
25 YEARS, YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT -- WHO THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE



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1 UNITED STATES IS GOING TO BE AND WHO THE NEXT DIRECTOR OF
2 C.M.S. IS GOING TO BE, AND IF YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT THE
3 CONDITION OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET'S GOING TO BE, IF YOU CAN
4 GUARANTEE ME THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE FOLDED INTO THE STATE-
5 WIDE WAIVER, AS IT WAS THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME, WHETHER
6 THERE WILL BE A SECOND TIME, ALL OF THOSE THINGS, NONE OF US
7 CAN GUARANTEE, AND IT'S NOT A -- IT'S NOT FAR-FETCHED TO THINK
8 THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO. AT LEAST IT'S NOT FOR ME, BECAUSE
9 WHEN I GOT HERE, I HAD A WORST-CASE SCENARIO FACING ME, A
10 \$600-MILLION HOLE WAS ABOUT AS WORST-CASE AS I WANT TO GET. IN
11 FACT, ANY WORSE THAN THAT, IT DOESN'T MATTER, BECAUSE WE'RE
12 DEAD. AND THAT'S -- SO IT'S NOT FAR-FETCHED FOR ANY OF US
13 BECAUSE WE WERE ALL HERE. MR. KNABE WAS A HEARTBEAT AWAY FROM
14 HERE, AND SO WE ALL -- WE ALL LIVED THROUGH THAT PERIOD OF
15 TIME, AND SO I JUST WANT TO PUT THIS IN SOME PERSPECTIVE. THE
16 FACT IS, AS THIS BOARD KNOWS, WE'VE DISCUSSED IT, IT'S BEEN
17 REPORTED IN THE NEWSPAPER, WHETHER IT'S TRUE OR NOT IS
18 SECONDARY. THERE HAS BEEN -- THE DYNAMICS ON THIS BOARD HAS
19 ALSO BEEN RESPONSIVE TO THE DYNAMICS OF THIS INFORMATION, AND
20 ONE OF THE REASONS THAT WE'RE IN A POSITION TO EVEN
21 CONTEMPLATE, IF WE CAN CONTEMPLATE SOME KIND OF RESOLUTION TO
22 THE LAWSUITS THAT HANG OVER OUR HEADS RIGHT NOW, IS BECAUSE WE
23 HAVE A BIT MORE FLEXIBILITY THAN WE THOUGHT WE DID SIX MONTHS
24 AGO, THREE MONTHS AGO, TWO MONTHS AGO. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE
25 WILL, BECAUSE THIS IS HOW MUCH -- I MEAN, WE HAVE A SLIVER OF



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1 CUSHION HERE, AND THE LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS ARE QUITE -- ARE
2 QUITE MONUMENTAL, BUT -- SO I THINK THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS
3 TRYING TO CALIBRATE ITS RESPONSE TO THESE THINGS IN A
4 RESPONSIBLE WAY, SO THAT WE CAN NAVIGATE THIS MINEFIELD, WHICH
5 I'M NOW CONVINCED, AFTER 8-1/2 YEARS HERE IS PERPETUAL, IT'S A
6 PERPETUAL MINEFIELD. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO IT, MR. WELLS. I
7 DON'T KNOW WHY YOU DON'T HAVE GRAY HAIR AND WRINKLED
8 FOREHEADS. OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE NOT WORKING HARD ENOUGH. [LIGHT
9 LAUGHTER]

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT THIS IS, YOU TALK
12 ABOUT FUNNY MATH, GLORIA, I DID FUNNY MATH IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND
13 IT GOT ME -- THAT'S WHY I BECAME A HISTORY MAJOR. [LIGHT
14 LAUGHTER]

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE CONVOLUTED, MORE
17 ARCANE, TO USE MR. MARGOLAN'S LINE I THINK WHEN BILL CLINTON
18 WAS HERE, HE CALLED IT ARCANE INDUSTRY OF HEALTHCARE FINANCE,
19 THERE'S NOTHING MORE ARCANE THAN THIS BUSINESS, AND I'M
20 RESIGNED TO THE FACT THAT I'LL NEVER FULLY UNDERSTAND IT,
21 WHICH IS DIFFICULT, BECAUSE I THINK LIKE MISS MOLINA I LIKE TO
22 FEEL LIKE I UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M BEING TOLD, WHAT I'M BEING
23 ASKED TO ACT UPON INFORMATION, IT'S HARD TO DO THAT, BUT IN
24 THE BROADER SENSE, I THINK WE DO HAVE A PRETTY GOOD SENSE.
25 WE'RE DOING A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF LIVING WITHIN A VERY



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1 DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION. YOU HAVE MADE SOME CUTS THAT'S
2 RESULTED IN SOME SAVINGS. YOU HAVE -- YOUR REVENUES ARE ON THE
3 UPSWING, FOR NOW, I DON'T KNOW, I'M STILL NOT CLEAR WHY, BUT
4 IT IS, AND I'M NOT CLEAR THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET NAILED
5 ON IT, 'CAUSE THERE'S ALL KINDS OF FEDERAL ISSUES ON THIS
6 STUFF GOING ON. WE DO HAVE PROPOSITION B THAT HAS SAVED OUR
7 BACON, LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY, THAT HAS GIVEN US THE
8 ABILITY TO BREATHE AND THINK AHEAD. YOUR CHALLENGE, ASIDE FROM
9 THE TRANSPARENCY AND THE BUDGETING PIECE IS ALSO TO TAKE, DR.
10 GARTHWAITE, TO TAKE THIS AGENCY FROM WHERE WE ARE NOW, THE
11 MORE BREATHING ROOM YOU HAVE DOWN THE LINE, IS TO TRY TO
12 TRANSFORM THIS AGENCY INTO A MODERN, 21ST CENTURY HEALTHCARE
13 DELIVERY AGENCY AND NOT WHAT IT IS, AND IT'S STILL LIVING IN
14 THE PAST. IN A STRUCTURAL WAY, IT'S LIVING IN THE PAST. NOT IN
15 THE MEDICAL DELIVERY SENSE, YOU GOT THE BEST PERSONNEL AROUND,
16 BUT IN A STRUCTURAL SENSE, THIS IS STILL A 1960S, 1970S
17 ORGANIZATION, AT BEST, AND THAT'S WHERE WE NEED TO TAKE IT IN
18 THE FUTURE. ANYWAY, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THOSE COMMENTS. AND
19 I'M SURE THAT THE NEXT TIME YOU COME TO US WITH A LIST OF
20 NUMBERS, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE THE SAME AS THESE NUMBERS,
21 AND I JUST HOPE THAT THE DEVIATIONS AREN'T WILD, AND IF THEY
22 ARE, THAT THERE'S A DAMN GOOD EXPLANATION FOR THEM, BUT THESE
23 AREN'T WILD DEVIATIONS, AS FAR AS I CAN TELL.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I NEED, WHERE DID DAVID GO, I NEED A CLARIFICATION
3 THAT 50 MILLION FOR THE EQUIPMENT, IS THAT OUT OF THE 185, OR
4 --

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6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES SUPERVISOR, THE 55 MILLION IS OUT OF THE
7 185, AND I THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS RECOMMENDING THAT MONEY
8 GO INTO THE DESIGNATION RATHER THAN SET ASIDE FOR THE
9 HOSPITAL. I WOULD ONLY POINT OUT THAT WHEN YOU APPROVED THE
10 CONTRACT TO BUILD THE HOSPITAL, SOME \$800 MILLION, YOU ASKED
11 US AT THE TIME HOW WE WERE GOING TO PAY FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND
12 THE TRANSITION COSTS, AND MY ANSWER WAS, WE DIDN'T KNOW. WELL,
13 WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SET ASIDE 50 MILLION. WE HAVE AN
14 OPPORTUNITY HERE TO SET ASIDE ANOTHER 55 MILLION. WE'RE STILL
15 AT LEAST A HUNDRED AND 150 MILLION SHORT OF WHAT WE PROBABLY
16 NEED TO OPEN THAT HOSPITAL. SO WHETHER YOU DO IT NOW OR YOU DO
17 IT A YEAR FROM NOW, WE HAVE GOT TO START SETTING ASIDE MONEY
18 OR WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO OPEN THAT HOSPITAL. SO THAT'S
19 WHERE I AM ON THE 55 MILLION. WHETHER IT'S IN A DESIGNATION --
20 IT'S ONE OF TWO DESIGNATIONS, IS WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
21 WHETHER IT'S IN THE HOSPITAL OR WHETHER IT'S IN THE COUNTY
22 DESIGNATION, IT'S AVAILABLE SHOULD THE BOARD GET INTO TROUBLE
23 IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SO WE HAVE ASSUMED IN THIS DOCUMENT THAT
24 THE 55 MILLION IS ADDED TO THE 50 MILLION THAT'S IN THE
25 HOSPITAL DESIGNATION.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I JUST HAD ONE QUESTION. WHAT IS THE STATUS
5 OF OUR F.Q.H.C. APPLICATION?

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT'S CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED. IT WAS
8 IN OUR PROPOSAL AND IT'S BEING REVIEWED AND I THINK IN MIDDLE
9 AUGUST THIS IS WHAT I REMEMBER IS THE TIME WE EXPECT TO HEAR.
10 WE HAVE HAD MEETINGS, BOTH I AND INGRID LAMEREAUX HAVE MET
11 WITH OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS ISSUES REGARDING THAT,
12 AND I THINK THEY'RE EMPATHETIC AND HAVE GIVEN US IDEAS SHOULD
13 IT NOT BE APPROVED.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAS THE GOVERNANCE ISSUE BEEN SIGNED OFF
16 ON? HAS THAT BEEN APPROVED?

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL WE HAVE TWO STRATEGIES. ONE IS TO
19 GO AS PART OF A PUBLIC HOUSING GRANT. THAT GETS AROUND THE
20 GOVERNANCE ISSUE, AND THERE'S ALSO THROUGH A HOMELESS GRANT.
21 BOTH OF THOSE CAN AVOID THE GOVERNANCE ISSUE THAT'S OTHERWISE
22 REQUIRED FOR F.Q.H.C.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE. AND SO IN AUGUST WE SHOULD HAVE SOME
25 IDEA?



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YES.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND OUR TIMETABLE FOR WHEN THIS HAS TO BE
5 DONE?

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** END OF THE WAIVER.

8

9 **FRED LEAF:** END OF '05.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** '05, ALL RIGHT, IT HAS TO BE OPERATIVE.

12

13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. IS ANYTHING FURTHER?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. LET'S TALK ABOUT SOME OF THESE DYNAMICS SO
18 THAT I UNDERSTAND THEM A LITTLE BIT BETTER AGAIN. IN YOUR
19 DYNAMICS AGAIN, WHEN YOU PUT THIS ALL TOGETHER, YOU HAVE A --
20 IN 2003-2004, YOU SHOW A -- IN YOUR OWN FISCAL OUTLOOK, \$349
21 MILLION IS WHAT IS THE SURPLUS OR THE FUND BALANCE OR THE
22 DESIGNATION.

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** DESIGNATION, RIGHT.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN THE YEAR 2004-2005, NOW, THIS IS INCLUSIVE OF
2 ALL OF THE EXPENDITURES AND THE SAVINGS AND NO ADDITIONAL
3 CUTS. CORRECT? [OVERLAPPING VOICES]

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SCENARIO III MOVING FORWARD. YOU SHOWED 208, AND
6 THEN IN 2005-2006, YOU SHOW ONLY A \$3.2-MILLION SURPLUS. NOW,
7 IS THIS FIGURE GOING TO CHANGE AT ALL WITH THE DYNAMICS OF
8 YOUR DYNAMIC BUDGETING PROCESS?

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OF COURSE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WILL IT CHANGE TO?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL IN APRIL, SUPERVISOR, THAT FIGURE WAS \$34
15 MILLION SO IT'S ABOUT 30 MILLION WORSE -- 40 MILLION WORSE
16 THAN IT WAS IN APRIL, EVEN WITH THE ADDITIONAL \$103 MILLION.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS AN INTERESTING DYNAMIC TO GO THROUGH TO
19 FIGURE OUT HOW THAT CHANGED.

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT IS -- WELL --

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS NOT EXPLAINED IN HERE.

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO IT'S IN THE NEXT SHEET, THOUGH, SUPERVISOR.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S NOT IN THERE.

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE NEXT SHEET INDICATES WHERE THE CHANGES ARE
5 YEAR BY YEAR THAT THEY ARE ASSUMING. FROM LACERA, THE IMPACT
6 OF THE LACERA BUY-DOWN PROGRAM, WHICH IS GOING TO INCREASE THE
7 COSTS TO CAPITAL PROJECT COST, THE SB-855 BIPPA PROBLEM, 8.3
8 MILLION 38 VEHICLE LICENSE FEE ASSUMPTIONS, THE LOSS OF CHIP
9 MONEY FROM THE STATE, BIO-TERRORISM --

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WAIT, WAIT. LET'S START AGAIN. NOW YOU START
12 IN THERE IN '05-'06, YOU, WHAT, YOU CARRY OVER THE 309?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S THE DEFICIT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE DEFICIT?

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. FROM USING UP THE DESIGNATION YOU GO
19 THROUGH.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I KNOW, BUT IT'S DIFFERENT THAN THE FIRST
22 NUMBER IN THE FORECAST. IN THE FORECAST, YOU SHOW A FUND
23 BALANCE OF 3.2, WHICH IS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU HAVE IN HERE.

24



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1 **GARY WELLS:** WELL THE 309 IS WHERE WE WERE IN APRIL, AND WHAT
2 WE'RE DOING IS WE'RE EXPLAINING THE VARIANCE FROM APRIL
3 THROUGH NOW SO THAT THAT TOP LINE ARE THE APRIL NUMBERS.

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AND I THINK TO BE FAIR, THERE ARE OTHER
6 THINGS THAT AREN'T INCLUDED IN THAT PARTICULAR SCHEDULE THAT
7 STILL ARE AT PLAY BETWEEN NOW AND THEN. THERE'S CURRENT
8 CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE ESCROWSHIP PROGRAM, THERE IS --

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** INTEREST IS A DIFFERENT THING BUT YOU ALSO HAVE
11 NUMBERS, I'D RATHER HAVE REAL NUMBERS MYSELF THAN TO START
12 TALKING ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE, AGAIN, WHEN WE GO AROUND CRYING
13 POOR, WHICH IS REALLY EMBARRASSING, ALL RIGHT? IT'S
14 EMBARRASSING TO ANYBODY WHO HAS TO DO IT, BUT PARTICULARLY
15 WHEN YOU ASK US TO GO AROUND CRYING POOR AND TELLING PEOPLE
16 WHO WE'RE DENYING SERVICES TO, AND TELLING PEOPLE WHO ARE
17 GOING TO LOSE THEIR JOBS THAT WE'RE POOR, WHEN IN REALITY, WE
18 HAVE THIS MUCH MONEY THERE, IT IS A TOUGH ONE TO DO, AND
19 THAT'S WHY RIGHT NOW, IN WHAT YOU SHOW IS THAT IN THE YEAR
20 2006-2007, WE WILL FACE THE DEFICIT OF \$345 MILLION. THAT'S
21 CORRECT?

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND AGAIN, THAT IS BASED ON THE FIGURES THAT ARE
2 BACK HERE AGAIN.

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THESE ARE YOUR BEST GUESSES. RIGHT?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW IN THERE, DID YOU INCLUDE ALL OF YOUR FUND
11 BALANCE AND THE SURPLUS THAT YOU COME UP WITH EVERY YEAR,
12 WHICH RANGES FROM 80 MILLION TO 150 MILLION?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO IT WOULD ONLY INCLUDE THE ESTIMATED 40
15 MILLION THAT WE HAVE IN RIGHT NOW.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. SO THAT IS CLOSE TO \$140 MILLION OFF
18 ALREADY.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, IN THIS ONE YEAR SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN ONE DYNAMIC ACCOUNT, IT COULD BE THAT YES, YES
23 IT COULD BE.

24



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, OR IT COULD BE A HUNDRED MILLION SHORT
2 ALSO.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES IT COULD BE \$140 MILLION OFF. THEN YOU ADD TO
5 IT THE POTENTIAL, AS WE ALL KNOW, IN PROP B IN THAT TAXES ARE
6 GOING TO GO UP, I MEAN THE SALES -- THE WHOLE PROPERTY TAX
7 ISSUE, THAT'S NOT EVEN INCLUDED IN HERE 'CAUSE YOU CARRIED
8 FORWARD ONE DYNAMIC NUMBER OF \$146 MILLION FOR THE NEXT SIX
9 YEARS.

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL THAT'S A PARCEL TAX THAT REQUIRES A BOARD
12 VOTE TO INCREASE. WELL WE CAN'T ASSUME YOU'RE GOING TO SUPPORT
13 IT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT IT'LL ALWAYS BE THE SAME.

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, IF YOU DON'T SUPPORT IT ISN'T GOING TO
18 GO UP.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'LL ALWAYS BE THE SAME?

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** UNLESS THERE ARE MORE PARCELS. THERE MAY BE,
23 BUT YOU HAVE TO VOTE, I THINK, ON THE COLA SUPERVISOR.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'LL ALWAYS BE THE SAME.



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IF YOU DON'T VOTE A COLA BARRING PARCEL
3 INCREASES, IT'LL BE THE SAME, IT'S SET, ISN'T IT AT \$46?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE PARCEL TAX WILL ALWAYS BE THE SAME NO MATTER
6 WHAT THE PROPERTY TAXES ARE.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ALL RIGHT, THEN IT'S \$46 UNLESS YOU VOTE TO
9 COLA EACH OF THESE YEARS.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT'S --

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SO WE'RE ASSUMING -- WE CAN'T ASSUME THAT
14 YOU'RE GOING TO VOTE FOR IT. AND IN ANY EVENT, THAT FIGURE HAS
15 NOT CHANGED SINCE WE FIRST ESTABLISHED IT IN THE SPRING. WE
16 RECOGNIZE IT PROBABLY WILL INCREASE. WE'RE NOT GOING TO
17 PRETEND OTHERWISE, BUT IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY EXACTLY WHAT IT'S
18 GOING TO BE, THAT'S ALL.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO THEN AGAIN, THAT CUTS THAT DEFICIT
21 POTENTIAL IN HALF.

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, IT DOES, WELL --

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** POTENTIALLY.



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, NOT THAT. IF WE HAD 140 MILLION A YEAR
3 EVERY YEAR, YES, IT WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE HERE, IS THAT, AND
6 THERE'S NO DOUBT, AND EVERYBODY CAN APPRECIATE IT, BEING
7 CONSERVATIVE, BUT THE PROBLEM IS I DON'T KNOW THAT ANYONE WHO
8 HAS TO BE TALKING TO THOSE SENIOR CITIZENS AND SAYING, "I'M
9 SORRY, YOU HAVE TO GET ON THE BUS TO GO A LITTLE FURTHER NOW,"
10 IT'S JUST NOT APPRECIATIVE ABOUT HOW DYNAMIC THIS BUDGET IS
11 AND WHAT THE SITUATION IS, AND I THINK THAT, AGAIN, I MEAN, I
12 THINK ACCOUNTANTS ARE HIRED TO BE ACCOUNTANTS AND POLITICIANS
13 ARE HIRED TO BE POLITICIANS, AND THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
14 THE TWO, BUT THE REALITY IS THAT I THINK THAT THERE ARE ALSO
15 FORECASTING THAT CAN BE DONE AND REALITIES THAT MUST BE
16 ADDRESSED BEFORE NUMBERS ARE BROUGHT TO THIS BOARD TO MAKE THE
17 KINDS OF DRAMATIC AND DRASTIC CUTS THAT ARE THERE. I HOPE I AM
18 MAKING MY POINT VERY CLEAR.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** VERY CLEAR.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I THINK THAT THESE DYNAMICS, AND WHILE
23 EVERYBODY CAN INTERPRET IT AS "IT'S ONLY A PERCENTAGE OF THE
24 BUDGET," IT ISN'T A PERCENTAGE OF SOMEBODY WHO NOW IS NOT
25 GETTING ACCESS TO CARE OR IS SCARED THAT WE CREATE ALL OVER



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1 THE PLACE ARE CERTAINLY GOING OUT AND POOR MOUTHING PEOPLE
2 WHILE WE HAVE MONEY. SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO BE VERY
3 CAUTIOUS AS WE PROCEED ON THIS, BECAUSE THE REALITIES IS THAT
4 WE DO NOT KNOW -- WE ARE PEOPLE OF MEANS. ALMOST EVERY SINGLE
5 ONE IN THIS ROOM, WE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A LUXURY THAT MANY
6 PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE, AND THAT IS ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND
7 SOMEBODY TO PAY FOR IT. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE,
8 INCLUDING CHILDREN WHO DO NOT HAVE THAT, WHO MAKE DECISIONS
9 EVERY SINGLE DAY ON WHETHER, IN FACT, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE
10 THE ABILITY TO PAY FOR, NOT EVEN PREVENTIVE, BUT VERY VITAL
11 AND NECESSARY HEALTHCARE. YOU'RE TALKING SOMETIME OPEN WOUNDS
12 THAT ARE THERE, AND SO THE REALITY IS, WHEN WE MAKE THESE
13 DECISIONS, IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT BEING FISCALLY CORRECT, IT IS
14 ABOUT BEING MORALLY CORRECT AS WELL, AND SO THESE DECISIONS
15 ARE VERY, VERY CRITICAL, AND SO IT IS INCUMBENT UPON YOU TO
16 MAKE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT CALCULATIONS POSSIBLE,
17 BECAUSE YOU ARE BRINGING TO THIS BOARD A SET OF NUMBERS FROM
18 WHICH CERTAIN DECISIONS WILL BE MADE, AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, IT
19 IS INCUMBENT, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY AND THE DUTY THAT YOU
20 HAVE, AND, AGAIN, MR. GARTHWAITE, WHEN WE HIRED YOU, WE TOLD
21 YOU HOW WORRIED WE WERE ABOUT THIS BUDGET, WE TOLD YOU HOW
22 WORRIED WE WERE ABOUT THE NUMBERS THAT BECOME ONE NUMBER ONE
23 DAY AND ANOTHER NUMBER THE SECOND DAY, AND LET'S LOOK THE NEXT
24 TIME THEY'RE PRESENTED THEY'LL CHANGE AGAIN. WE'VE GOT TO GET
25 CONTROL OF THIS, AND POLITICAL CONTROL OF IT AS WELL. AND



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1 THAT'S THE REALITY. YOU'VE BEEN HIRED BY PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT
2 PEOPLE, AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, IT REALLY IS VERY SIGNIFICANT AND
3 VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE BEST INFORMATION POSSIBLE, I'M NOT
4 TRYING TO HIDE IT, WELL LET'S CONTINUE THIS ITEM ANOTHER
5 COUPLE OF WEEKS OR MAYBE IT'LL CHANGE AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER, OR
6 LET'S HOPE FOR THIS AND LET'S COUNT ON THAT. THE REALITY IS,
7 WE NEED THE NUMBERS. WE NEED TO KNOW THE NUMBERS. AND IF
8 THEY'RE EVER CHANGING AND THEY'RE EVER DYNAMIC, LET'S NOT HIDE
9 BEHIND THEM AND LET'S NOT SHARE THEM WITH JUST SOME PEOPLE AND
10 NOT WITH OTHERS.

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AGREED.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER -- IF THERE ARE NO
15 FURTHER QUESTIONS, IS THERE ANY WE SHOULD ASK -- ALL RIGHT.
16 DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR --

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES. I THINK IT WAS A STATUS REPORT ON THE
19 BUDGET.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU CALLING THIS -- THE PUBLIC
22 HEARINGS?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 75 WAS THE -- IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
25 THERE WAS A LIGHTING DISTRICT PROPOSAL.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MADAM CHAIR, ON THE HEARING ITEMS, I
3 WOULD ASK ALL OF THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON AGENDA PUBLIC
4 HEARING ITEM 74 AND 75, TO PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT
5 HAND AND BE SWORN IN. [ADMINISTERING OATH]

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE TAKE 74 AND 75 AS ONE ITEM?

10

11 **WILLIAM WINTER:** YES. MY NAME IS BILL -- WILLIAM WINTER, AND
12 I'M AN ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
13 WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION
14 OF PROJECT 92-83 IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE TO COUNTY LIGHTING
15 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616-B AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-
16 1, PALMDALE ZONE B AND THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF
17 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THAT PROJECT AREA. THE CONSENT AND
18 JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE HAS BEEN OBTAINED. IN MY
19 OPINION, THE INVOLVED PROJECT AREA WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE
20 ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED
21 ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO THE BENEFIT. IN
22 THE EVENT THAT THERE IS NO MAJORITY PROTEST, WE ARE
23 RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
24 ANNEX AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COUNTY COUNSEL?

2

3 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO TAKE
4 ANY TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS
7 ITEM? HEARING NONE, IS THERE A MOTION THAT THE HEARING BE
8 CLOSED?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE HEARING BE CLOSED AND THE ITEM BE
11 APPROVED.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED -- MOVED BY
14 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED
15 AND THAT THE ITEM BE APPROVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION --

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS 75 AND 74 OR?

18

19 **WILLIAM WINTER:** THAT WAS 74.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 74, SO ORDERED. 75?

22

23 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR I'M SORRY, ON 74, IN LIGHT
24 OF THE ASSESSMENT BALLOTS, THE MATTER SHOULD -- THE HEARING



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1 SHOULD BE CLOSED, THE MATTER SHOULD BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK FOR
2 TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ON 74.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM 74 I MOVE THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED
7 AND THE BALLOTS BE TABULATED AND REPORTED AT THE NEXT BOARD
8 MEETING.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT I WOULD MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE
11 HEARING AND CONTINUE THE ITEM FOR ONE WEEK FOR THE TABULATION
12 RESULTS BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. DECISION BY THE BOARD,
13 SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION SO ORDERED.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM NUMBER 73, MADAM CHAIRMAN, ON THE
16 ADOPTIONS BUDGET, I BELIEVE IT IS GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME TO
17 DISCUSS. WE HAVE, I KNOW, TWO PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO BE
18 INTERVIEWED FOR I.S.D., AND THERE ARE SOME COURT ISSUES AND
19 PEOPLE WILL BE LEAVING AT 4:00 SO WE'LL BE LOSING THE QUORUM,
20 SO IF WE COULD MAYBE CONTINUE 73 TO NEXT WEEK.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THAT ITEM?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ON THE BUDGET REPORT THAT WAS GOING TO
25 BE GIVEN TO THE BOARD RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION BUDGET.



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2 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M SORRY, ON ITEM 75, THE STAFF
3 MEMBER HAS TO MAKE A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT BEFORE THAT MATTER
4 IS BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **WILLIAM WINTER:** OKAY ON ITEM 75, AGAIN, MY NAME IS WILLIAM
7 WINTER, AND I'M AN ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE
9 PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME OF COUNTY LIGHTING
10 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616-A AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1
11 PALMDALE ZONE A TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616
12 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PALMDALE ZONE, AND FOR THE
13 ANNEXATION OF COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616-B AND
14 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PALMDALE ZONE B, INTO THE
15 RENAMED L.M.D. 1616 IN LLA-1 PALMDALE ZONE. THE CONSENT AND
16 JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. IN MY
17 OPINION THE PROPERTIES INVOLVED WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE
18 PROPOSED RENAMING, ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED.
19 AND THE EXISTING ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY -- HAVE
20 PREVIOUSLY BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. THE EXISTING
21 ASSESSMENT AMOUNTS WILL NOT BE MODIFIED FOR ANY PROPERTY
22 WITHIN THE RENAMED OR ANNEXED DISTRICT TERRITORIES BY THESE
23 ACTIONS. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE'S NO MAJORITY PROTEST, WE ARE
24 RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
25 ANNEX AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THERE'S --

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ITEM BE -- ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE ON IT
5 THEN I WOULD MOVE THAT THE ITEM AND THE HEARING BE CLOSED AND
6 THE ITEM APPROVED.

7

8 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THIS MATTER CAN BE APPROVED. THERE ARE NO
9 ASSESSING BALLOTS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
12 SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE HEARING IS CLOSED
13 AND THE ITEM IS APPROVED.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D MOVE THAT ITEM 73 BE CONTINUED TO NEXT
16 WEEK.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION, WITHOUT OBJECTION,
19 ITEM 73 WILL BE CONTINUED TO NEXT WEEK.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE JUST ONE ITEM. 70 -- WE HAVE A-3.
24 RIGHT? DID WE -- A-3? IS THERE ANYTHING NEW? MAYBE THE C.A.O.
25 CAN BRING US UP TO DATE ON A-3.



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR --

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS HER
5 ADJOURNMENTS TO DO FIRST ALSO BUT GO RIGHT AHEAD. DO IT ON A-
6 3.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE ASKED ME YESTERDAY MORNING IF
9 I'D GIVE YOU A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE STATE BUDGET. AS YOU KNOW,
10 SUNDAY NIGHT, THE SENATE ADOPTED A \$70.8-BILLION BUDGET. IT IS
11 \$7.3 BILLION LESS THAN LAST YEAR, AND MOST IMPORTANT -- ONE OF
12 THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS FOR US IS THAT, NEXT YEAR, THEY'RE
13 FORECASTING AN ADDITIONAL \$8-BILLION SHORTFALL, AND THAT \$8-
14 BILLION SHORTFALL MAKES SOME PRETTY DRACONIAN ASSUMPTIONS. WE
15 WERE TALKING ABOUT ASSUMPTIONS EARLIER, TO GET THERE. ONE, NO
16 STATE EMPLOYEE SALARY INCREASES IN '04-'05 AND THAT'S AFTER A
17 10% REDUCTION IN THE CURRENT YEAR. THEY'RE ASSUMING THAT
18 THEY'RE GOING TO DEFER ALL MANDATE REIMBURSEMENTS AGAIN.
19 THEY'RE ASSUMING NO COLAS FOR STATE OPERATIONS, NO COLAS OR
20 ENROLMENT INCREASES IN HIGHER EDUCATION, A RATE FREEZE FOR
21 MEDI-CAL INPATIENT CARE, A LIMIT ON BONDS AND A FREEZE ON
22 I.H.S.S. ALL OF THOSE ARE ASSUMPTIONS FOR '04-'05 TO MAINTAIN
23 THE \$8-BILLION SHORTFALL. THE BUDGET ITSELF, THE ASSEMBLY TOOK
24 IT UP LAST -- EARLY THIS MORNING, THEY WORKED ON IT ALL NIGHT,
25 THEY WERE UNABLE TO GARNER THE VOTES NEEDED TO ADOPT THE



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1 BUDGET. IT HAS THE -- THE SENATE VERSION HAS NO NEW TAXES IN
2 IT. IT DOES HAVE THE TRIPLE FLIP WHICH RAISES STATE SALES TAX,
3 LOWERS LOCAL SALES TAX, DEDICATES THAT REVENUE TO BORROW \$10.7
4 BILLION. IT DOES IMPACT LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY ABOUT \$1.2
5 BILLION. OVER 800 MILLION WILL BE A LACK OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR
6 VEHICLE LICENSE FEES, WHICH THEY ARE CONVERTING INTO A LOAN
7 THAT THEY WILL REPAY IN AUGUST OF 2006. IT INCLUDES ADDITIONAL
8 BORROWING OF PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS, TOBACCO FUNDS, ET
9 CETERA. THE IMPACT TO OUR BUDGET IS PRETTY WIDE AND VARIED,
10 VERY MANY DEPARTMENTS ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED. THE
11 ANTICIPATED IMPACT TO THE B.L.F. LOSS, WE DON'T KNOW, BECAUSE
12 THE FORMULA IS NOT VERY CLEAR, BUT IT'S A RANGE OF 116 MILLION
13 TO 189 MILLION DOLLAR LOSS. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE REDUCTIONS,
14 NEW REDUCTIONS WE HAD NOT ANTICIPATED IN THE C.O.P.S. PROGRAMS
15 AND THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVERSION
16 PROGRAMS, THEY WERE \$36 MILLION -- \$32 MILLION WAS ELIMINATED
17 BY THE SENATE. BOOKING FEE AUTHORITY WAS REDUCED BY THE
18 SENATE, THAT COULD COST COUNTY \$38 MILLION, L.A. COUNTY, ABOUT
19 A MILLION. THE GOOD NEWS, I GUESS, THE LIBRARY WAS NOT CUT 3.2
20 MILLION AS PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR, IT'S CUT 1.6 MILLION, BUT
21 THAT STILL IS A REDUCTION IN THE LIBRARY THAT WE HAVE NOT
22 ACCOUNTED FOR. PROBATION TRAINING IS REDUCED. YOUTH AUTHORITY
23 FEES ARE INCREASED. MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS WILL BE REDUCED.
24 ALL IN ALL, WE'RE, AT THIS POINT, ESTIMATING A 230 TO 300
25 MILLION DOLLAR GENERAL FUND -- OR NOT 233 TO 300 MILLION



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1 DOLLAR HIT TO OUR BUDGET IN L.A. COUNTY. AND WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE
2 TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE ASSEMBLY DOES WHEN THEY COMPLETE THE
3 BUDGET, WHAT THE GOVERNOR DOES, SO I WOULD ANTICIPATE IT WOULD
4 PROBABLY BE EARLY SEPTEMBER, LATE AUGUST, WHEN WE HAVE A
5 BETTER HANDLE ON WHAT OUR OWN FUND BALANCE IS FOR THE COUNTY
6 BUDGET, FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO IN
7 SACRAMENTO, EVALUATE THE COMPLEXITIES BEFORE WE CAN GIVE YOU A
8 RECOMMENDATION ON HOW TO MITIGATE THAT SHORTFALL THIS YEAR AND
9 THEN WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO NEXT YEAR AS WELL.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY QUESTIONS? WELL WE'LL WAIT
12 TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS. THEY'RE STILL MEETING?

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE RECORD, ON THESE
15 ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS, WE'D LIKE TO CLARIFY
16 THAT IN THE FUTURE, A-3, WE'D LIKE TO UPDATE IT TO INCLUDE THE
17 EXISTING BUDGET YEAR. THIS WAS PREVIOUSLY ORDERED FOR THE
18 2002-2003, BUT WE'D LIKE TO UPDATE IT AS NECESSARY.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, FOR YOUR
21 ADJOURNMENTS.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ADJOURNMENTS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
3 MARIA DENTHRUVIO VANEGAS, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. MISS
4 DENTHRUVIO VANEGAS WAS THE MOTHER OF CARMEN VANEGAS, A FAMILY
5 FRIEND OF MY STAFF MEMBER EDDIE GARWAREZ.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
8 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LEON KAPLAN WHO PASSED AWAY
9 FRIDAY, JULY 25TH AT HIS BRENTWOOD HOME AT THE AGE OF 95. LEON
10 KAPLAN WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
11 HE WAS EDUCATED AT U.S.C., PRACTICED LAW IN LOS ANGELES FROM
12 1932 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1996. HE GRAVITATED TO
13 ENTERTAINMENT LAW IN THE MID 1930S. HIS CLIENTS INCLUDE AVA
14 GARDNER, GENE KELLY, WARNER BROTHERS AND 20TH CENTURY FOX. ON
15 JANUARY 1ST, 1940, HE WAS SENIOR FOUNDING PARTNER OF WHAT
16 BECAME KAPLAN, LIVINGSTONE, GIBBON, BERKOWITZ AND SALBIN. THE
17 FIRM CONCENTRATED ON ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS AND GREW TO 72
18 LAWYERS BEFORE IT WAS DISSOLVED AT THE END OF 1980. HE WAS
19 KNOWN FOR HIS INTEGRITY, INSIGHT, AND WIT. HE'S SURVIVED BY
20 HIS SON, ROBERT KAPLAN. I THINK MANY PEOPLE ALSO KNEW HIS
21 WIFE, JEAN KAPLAN, WHO SERVED ON THE L.A. PORT AUTHORITY. AND
22 HOWARD MOREHEAD, A PIONEERING AFRICAN-AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHER
23 WHO CAPTURED JAZZ GREATS FOR ALBUM COVERS AND SUCH
24 INTERNATIONAL LEADERS AS NELSON MANDELA FOR NEWSPAPERS,
25 MAGAZINES, AND TELEVISION. HE PASSED AWAY JULY 13TH AT VETERAN



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1 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT THE AGE OF 76. HE SERVED AS ONE OF THE
2 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN IN WORLD WAR II AND LATER STUDIED PHOTOGRAPHY
3 AT LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE AND MOTION PICTURE PHOTOGRAPHY AT
4 U.S.C. HE WORKED AS A NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE LOS ANGELES
5 SENTINEL IN THE 1950S. IN 1953, BECAME THE FIRST WEST COAST
6 STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER FOR JOHNSON PUBLICATIONS. IN 1970, HE
7 BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN STAFF CAMERAMAN TO WORK AT
8 K.T.L.A.- T.V. CHANNEL 5, AND LATER THAT DECADE, HE SWITCHED
9 TO K.A.B.C.- T.V. CHANNEL 7. HE'S SURVIVED BY A HOST OF
10 RELATIVES IN LOS ANGELES AND TOPEKA, KANSAS. SO ORDERED.
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN -- FIRST OF ALL,
14 I'D LIKE TO BE ADDED TO GEORGE BATTY. I DON'T KNOW IF WE ALL
15 WERE ON GEORGE BATTY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'D ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
20 MEMORY OF JERRY FRIEDMAN HAYBUSH, HE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT
21 OF OUR DISTRICT, A LEADER IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, AND IN
22 JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS FOR OVER 30 YEARS, WHO PASSED AWAY.
23 HE WAS A COLLEAGUE OF MINE, GOING BACK TO MY COLLEGE DAYS, AND
24 HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE BREET STREET
25 SYNAGOGUE IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, AMONG MANY OTHER THINGS. HIS



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1 BROTHER IS JONATHAN FRIEDMAN, WHO WORKS FOR THE COUNTY, ALL OF
2 US KNOW. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, AUDREY FRIEDMAN HAYBUSH,
3 AND THAT'S ONE. AND THE OTHER -- OKAY, ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. I
4 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HELENE GREENFIELD. HELENE
5 PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HELENE AND I GO BACK
6 OVER 30 YEARS IN THE EFFORTS TO FIGHT FOR FREE IMMIGRATION FOR
7 JEWS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN. SHE WAS A WOMAN WHO MADE A GREAT
8 DEAL OF DIFFERENCE IN A WHOLE HOST OF THINGS, ACTIVE AT TEMPLE
9 SINAI IN WESTWOOD AND IN THE JEWISH FEDERATION COUNCIL. AND
10 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, ALBERT, AND FOUR SONS -- FOUR
11 CHILDREN, AND A HOST OF GRANDCHILDREN.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** YES MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
16 OF SUSAN LONNER. SUSAN PASSED AWAY LAST FRIDAY. SHE WAS THE
17 WIFE OF ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL, LARRY LONNER, THEIR
18 RESIDENCE IN ROWLAND HILLS ESTATE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
19 HUSBAND, LARRY, AND HER TWO SONS, BRETT AND BRENT. ALSO, AS
20 WAS MENTIONED, I'D LIKE TO -- I THINK WE ALL ARE ON THE GEORGE
21 BATTY, GEORGE AS YOU KNOW WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTRUCTION
22 COMMITTEE. GEORGE WAS A MEMBER OF THAT COMMITTEE AND A GOOD
23 FRIEND AND I WAS JUST THERE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. A GREAT MAN.
24 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KELINA SWORD, WHO PASSED
25 AWAY IN HER HOME IN REDONDO BEACH. TODD SWORD, HER FATHER,



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1 SERVES AS THE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH BAY
2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN, HE
3 AND HIS FAMILY ARE WELL KNOWN IN THE REGIS BUSINESS COMMUNITY
4 AND SHE WAS ONLY TWO YEARS OLD, SO IT WAS A TOUGH ONE. AND
5 ALSO, EVERYONE, I JUST -- ONE OTHER COMMENT AND THEN I'VE GOT
6 A READ-IN MOTION, BUT THAT ONE ISSUE ON 1-H, THE INSURANCE
7 ISSUE, I MEAN, SEE IT SEEMED LIKE JOBS ARE LEAVING THE STATE.
8 BY WORKMANS' COMPUTER AT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
9 AND THE AUTO LIABILITY WAS A 265% INCREASE IN WORKERS' COMP
10 AND A 64% INCREASE IN AUTO LIABILITY JUST FOR OUR SMALL
11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. I HAVE A READ-IN MOTION FOR
12 NEXT WEEK. LAST SUNDAY, AS WE MENTIONED TODAY, AMERICANS IN
13 UNIFORM LOST A DEAR FRIEND, A COMRADE AND A MAN THEY CALLED
14 G.I. BOB. FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY, BOB HOPE, A TREASURED
15 RESIDENT OF THIS COUNTY, ENTERTAINED 10 MILLION SERVICEMEN AND
16 WOMEN AT 700 MILITARY BASES AND HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT THE
17 WORLD. HE BEGAN THIS MISSION FOLLOWING THE ATTACK ON PEARL
18 HARBOR BY TAKING HIS RADIO SHOWS LIVE TO CAMPS AND AIR BASES
19 ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. IN 1943, HE BROUGHT HIS U.S. SHOWS
20 OVERSEAS WHEREVER TROOPS TRAINED OR FOUGHT. HE DID THIS AT
21 RISK TO HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY, WHILE ENTERTAINING THE TROOPS
22 HE SURVIVED BOMBINGS IN SICILY, SNIPER ATTACKS IN VIETNAM AND
23 A LIFE-THREATENING CRASH ON A FLIGHT TO ALASKA. DESPITE THESE
24 EXPERIENCES, BOB HOPE AND COMPANY NEVER HESITATED TO GO ON TO
25 THE NEXT SHOW IN ORDER TO BRING LAUGHTER TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS



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1 AND TO LIFT THE MORALE OF ALL THE TROOPS WITH HIS MATCHLESS
2 HUMOR AND PRICELESS GOOD CHEERS. IN THE WORDS OF ED POWELL,
3 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE U.S.O. FOR MORE THAN FIVE DECADES,
4 THROUGH FOUR WARS AND YEARS OF PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS, BOB HOPE
5 CAME TO SYMBOLIZE FOR EVERY MAN AND WOMAN IN UNIFORM THE IDEA
6 THAT AMERICA CARED AND SUPPORTED ITS TROOPS. WHILE THE CURTAIN
7 MAY HAVE FALLEN ON HIS LONG AND WONDERFUL LIFE, WE CAN HELP TO
8 GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL NEVER RAIN DOWN ON THIS GREAT PATRIOT'S
9 LEGACY. THE COUNTY'S PATRIOTIC HALL WAS DEDICATED IN 1926 AS A
10 LIVING MEMORIAL TO VETERANS AND AS A MEETING PLACE FOR PUBLIC
11 SERVICE EVENTS. NOW IT MAY ALSO SERVE AS A SYMBOL OF THANKS
12 FOR THE MEMORIES BOB HOPE GAVE US. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HONOR BOB HOPE'S LIFETIME
14 CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN AND ALLIED SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN,
15 THAT WE RENAME COUNTY'S PATRIOTIC HALL AS THE BOB HOPE
16 PATRIOTIC HALL. MAY THE SPIRIT OF BOB HOPE SHOW IN LIFE A
17 TRADITION OF SUPPORT TO OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN ALWAYS GO ON,
18 AND THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PUBLIC COMMENT? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT I
21 HAVE OMITTED? IF NOT -- COUNTY COUNSEL?

22

23 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** ITEM 73? THE D.C.F.S. BUDGET ITEM?

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK WE CONTINUED 73. PUBLIC COMMENT?
2 WARREN WILLIAMS, MELANA LUKE ELIAS AND GINA MARIE GALLAGHER,
3 PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. WE HAVE TWO FOR
4 GINA MARIE GALLAGHER. WOULD THANK YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

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6 **MELANA LUKE ELIAS:** MELANA LUKE ELIAS.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO RIGHT AHEAD. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **MELANA LUKE ELIAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD MEMBERS. GOOD
11 AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR BURKE. AGAIN, MY NAME IS MELANA LUKE
12 ELIAS AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT MY CONCERNS WITH THE
13 D.C.F.S., THE SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE D.C.F.S. SYSTEM AND THE
14 BREADTH OF DISCRETION THAT IS AFFORDED TO THE INDIVIDUAL
15 SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE SYSTEM. IN PARTICULAR, WITH RESPECT TO
16 THE ROLE OF THE EMERGENCY SOCIAL WORKER. THE D.C.F.S.
17 EMERGENCY SOCIAL WORKER IS GIVEN FAR TOO MUCH FREE REIN WHEN
18 IT COMES TO MAKING LIFE-IMPACTING DECISIONS. WE HAVE SOCIAL
19 WORKERS WHO ARE ACTING AS JUDGES AND JURIES. EMERGENCY SOCIAL
20 WORKERS ARE MORE INTERESTED IN FILING ON PARENTS THAN
21 AFFORDING US WITH THE REAL HELP AND SUPPORT WE NEED. ONCE MY
22 FAMILY WAS FILED UPON, D.C.F.S. DEMONSTRATED NO FURTHER
23 INTEREST IN THE AFTERMATH OF THEIR FAMILY INTERVENTION. THE
24 FOCUS OF THE DEPARTMENT SEEMS TO BE SKEWED, RATHER THAN SEEK
25 TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILY UNITS, RATHER THAN SEEK TO WORK



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1 TOWARD PROVIDING THE SUPPORT FOR MOTHERS, LIKE MYSELF, WHO, IN
2 AND OF THEIR OWN VOLITION SEEK IT OUT, THEY'RE INSTEAD AIDING
3 IN THE SEPARATION AND, IN MANY CASES, THE DEVASTATION OF
4 FAMILIES. IN ANY SITUATION IN WHICH THERE EXISTS A POSSIBILITY
5 OF REMOVING CHILDREN FROM THE HOME, A CLEAR SET OF PROCEDURAL
6 GUIDELINES OUGHT TO BE FOLLOWED. SOME FORM OF CHECK OR
7 SUPERVISION SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO
8 RUSH TO JUDGMENT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **MELANA LUKE ELIAS:** I'M SORRY. I'M NOT FINISHED. PARDON ME.
13 GENERAL NEGLECT AS A REASON FOR REMOVAL MUST BE CLEARLY
14 OUTLINED AND DEFINED. CONCRETE EXAMPLES SHOULD BE PROVIDED. A
15 MANDATORY MEETING WITH ALL INVOLVED PARTIES SHOULD BE HELD
16 BEFORE REMOVAL TAKES PLACE. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED IN
17 PUBLIC PLACES, SUCH AS SCHOOL SITES. SOCIAL WORKERS SHOULD NOT
18 BE PERMITTED TO INTERVIEW A PARENT UNDERGOING HOSPITALIZATION
19 UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MEDICATION. IF THE INTERVIEW MUST TAKE
20 PLACE AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH AN INTERVIEW AND THE DOCUMENTS
21 THAT WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE GENERATED MUST BE EXPLAINED PRIOR TO
22 THE INTERVIEW TAKING PLACE. CHECKS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE
23 SYSTEM, WHICH WOULD PREVENT SOCIAL WORKERS, EMERGENCY SOCIAL
24 WORKERS FROM ACTING BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THEIR DUTIES. THEY
25 SHOULD NOT, AS THEY HAVE IN MY CASE, BE PERMITTED THE



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1 DISCRETION TO ALLOW A NON-OFFENDING PARENT TO LEAVE THE STATE
2 WITH AN INFANT UNDER THE AGE OF ONE. BY THE WAY, THAT NON-
3 OFFENDING PARENT HAPPENS TO BE A TWO-TIME BATTERER IN THE
4 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BUT THE SOCIAL WORKER WOULD NOT HAVE
5 KNOWN THAT BECAUSE SHE DID NO INVESTIGATION. THERE ARE
6 D.C.F.S. SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE MISUSING THEIR AUTHORITY.
7 WHETHER IT IS FOR THEM AN EGO BOOST OR AN ATTEMPT TO BE
8 RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR PRODUCTIVITY OR AN EFFORT TOWARDS
9 PROMOTION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, CLEARLY, AS LONG AS THIS IS
10 ALLOWED TO GO ON WITHOUT CONSEQUENCE, THE QUESTION BECOMES,
11 WHO'S BEST INTERESTS ARE ACTUALLY BEING SERVED BY THE
12 DEPARTMENT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE STATE
15 YOUR NAME.

16

17 **GINA M. GAKKAGHER:** I'M GINA M. GALLAGHER, AND I RECOMMEND
18 SAVING MY -- OKAY. I'M A MENTALLY ILL PERSON. I LOVE MY
19 CHILDREN, AND AM ENTITLED TO HAVE A CONTINUOUS RELATIONSHIP
20 WITH THREE CHILDREN. I AM NOT BEING KEPT INFORMED OF THEIR
21 STATUS AND CARE. I AM NOT HAVING COMMUNICATION WITH MY TWO
22 SONS OR MY DAUGHTER. I ASK THIS COUNTY BOARD TO CORRECT THESE
23 WRONGS. I AM MENTALLY ILL, BUT I AM ALSO AND FOREMOST A
24 PARENT. UNDER LAW, I HAVE BIOLOGICAL PARENTAL RIGHTS THAT ARE
25 BEING VIOLATED AND IGNORED. (VOICE WAVERING)



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES SOMEONE FROM CHILDREN SERVICES WILL
3 SPEAK WITH YOU, AND ALSO WITH YOU. WOULD ROBERTO CARBAJAL COME
4 FORWARD, AND MERRITT HOLLOWAY?

5

6 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE IF I MAY SPEAK ON BEHALF OF-

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. WILLIAMS YES.

9

10 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** SHE HAS SOMETHING SHE'D LIKE TO EACH OF THE
11 BOARD SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. FINE. THEY'LL TAKE THAT. YES. MR.
14 WILLIAMS, AND MR. CARBAJAL WILL COME FORWARD, AS WELL AS
15 MERRITT HOLLOWAY.

16

17 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** DO YOU WANT TO GO FIRST? MERRITT WILL GO
18 BEFORE ME SUPERVISOR BURKE, I APPRECIATE IT.

19

20 **SUP. BURJKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT YOU GO RIGHT AHEAD. MR. WILLIAMS
21 WOULD YOU GO AHEAD PLEASE.

22

23 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** OH YES. JUST RECENTLY, I CONTACTED THE BOARD
24 SEVERAL TIMES. I CONTACTED THEM AFTER BEING IN DEPARTMENT 67.
25 THAT'S THE FAMILY COURT, AND THAT'S ON THE 22ND OF THIS MONTH,



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1 AND ONCE AGAIN, WITH THE RECORDS SHOWING THAT I'M A NON-
2 OFFENDING PARENT, WITH THE RECORDS SHOWING CLEARLY THAT I HAVE
3 AN EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP WITH MY SONS. ODERKIRK DENIED ME TO
4 HAVE MORE TIME DURING THE SUMMERTIME. HE DENIED MY OTHER
5 REQUEST. THE ATTORNEY RUTHLYN ASTAP WHO IS ASSIGNED TO
6 REPRESENT MY SONS ALLEGED THAT THIS IS THE SAME COMPLAINT I'VE
7 BEEN MAKING FOR TWO YEARS ASKING FOR MORE TIME WITH MY SONS. I
8 HEARD ANTONOVICH SAY THAT HE -- HIS FAMILY IS OF MIXED RACES,
9 BUT THE RACISM STILL EXISTS AS IF ONE SEVERE ELEMENT HERE,
10 BECAUSE I WOULD ASK HIM, DOES HE KNOW WHERE HIS CHILDREN ARE
11 RIGHT NOW. INSTEAD, I WENT TO SEE MY SONS, AND THEIR MOTHER
12 HAVE MOVED OUT OF THE RESIDENCE. SHE'S GONE. SHE'S FLED. SO ON
13 THE 22ND AFTER I LEFT THE COURT, THE COURT DENIED ME TO GET
14 RELIEF. THEN WHEN I CONTACTED D.C.F.S. AND EXPLAINED TO THEM
15 THE ABSURD CORRUPT ORDERS OF ODERKIRK AND DEPARTMENT 67 THEY
16 DID NOTHING. AFTER I DISCOVERED INSTEAD THE MOTHER'S LEFT WITH
17 MY SONS, AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE AT AT ALL, COVERING UP
18 THE MULTIPLE FORMS OF ABUSE THAT'S BEING REPORTED AND THE
19 EVIDENCE THAT'S BEEN SUPPRESSED BY THE CONSENT AND THE ADVICE
20 OF COUNTY COUNSEL, WHICH THEY REMOVED FROM THE FILE, WHICH IS
21 AGAINST THE LAW BECAUSE IT'S TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE. THEN
22 THIS COUNTY IS STILL LIABLE AND RESPONSIBLE MY AT THIS MOMENT,
23 NOT KNOWING WHERE MY SONS ARE AT. NOW, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO
24 DO AS A PARENT? SHOULD I COMMENDING THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS
25 THIS COUNTY IS WASTING AND CLAIMING THAT THEY'RE SO CONCERNED



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1 ABOUT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES? I MEAN, IT WAS A GOOD SPEECH THAT
2 THEY WERE GIVING EARLIER, BUT THE REALITY IS, THE TRUTH IS
3 STARING YOU IN THE FACE. I'M A GOOD FATHER WHO DON'T KNOW
4 WHERE MY SONS ARE AT BECAUSE THIS COUNTY WAS IRRESPONSIBLE,
5 AND IT NEEDS TO RESOLVE IT IMMEDIATELY. IT'S GOOD TO LOOK
6 AROUND AND SEE THAT THERE IS AFRICAN AMERICANS AND OTHERS IN
7 THESE POSITIONS, BUT WHEN PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF, SUPERVISOR
8 BURKE, DO NOT PROPERLY SERVE YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND THEN I
9 GUESS WANT TO PRETEND THAT YOU'RE WHITE OR PLAY WHITE AND NOT
10 REPRESENT THAT YOU'RE AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND SAY --

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M JUST -- I'M GOING TO --
13 EXCUSE ME, SIR. I'M GOING TO CALL A POINT --

14

15 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** THERE NEEDS TO BE A RECALL BECAUSE YOU'VE NOT
16 REPRESENTED YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD ASK THAT THIS GENTLEMAN
19 BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU KNOW, EVERY DAY I LOOK IN A
22 MIRROR MR. WILLIAMS SO, YOU KNOW, I NEVER GET CONFUSED.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DON'T NEED TO RESPOND TO THAT.

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1 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** I AM NOT CONFUSED, I AM A FATHER AND I SEE MY
2 SONS --

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXCUSE ME, SIR, YOU CAN'T COME UP HERE, YOU
5 CAN'T -- EXCUSE ME WARREN, YOU CAN'T COME UP HERE AND MAKE
6 RACIALLY CHARGED STATEMENTS.

7

8 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** SIR I SUBMITTED TO YOU PAPERWORK THAT MY
9 CHILD HAD BEEN ABUSED IN THE SYSTEM AND YOU HAVEN'T DONE IT.
10 IT WASN'T RACE OR RACIALLY CHARGED.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL IT WAS AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED.

13

14 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** AND SHE'S AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN, SHE'S IN THAT
15 POSITION WHERE PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR WHITES.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR I MOVE THAT WE HEAR FROM THE
18 NEXT PERSON.

19

20 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** AND THEREFORE YOU SHOULD BE RESPECTED. YOU
21 SHOULD RESPECT YOUR CONSTITUENTS WHO COME TO YOU AS AFRICAN
22 AMERICANS, I SAY THE STOP THE RACIST SYSTEM THAT DOING THE
23 WRONG IS DOING.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED, MR. CARBAJAL.



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2 **ROBERTO CARBAJAL:** HI MY NAME IS ROBERTO CARBAJAL.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND COULD I ASK MARILYN PACE -- PRICE TO
5 COME UP, BUT I'D LIKE TO SAY TO HER THAT SHE'S REALLY NOT
6 ALLOWED TO SPEAK UNTIL THE 26TH BUT WE CAN GIVE HER ONE
7 MINUTE, SINCE SHE'S HERE. COME FORWARD, AND YOU CAN GET ONE
8 MINUTE, BUT YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SPEAK UNTIL THE 26TH AND
9 WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE VIOLATING THIS RULE MUCH MORE. YES,
10 PLEASE, GO RIGHT AHEAD MR CARBAJAL.

11

12 **ROBERTO CARBAJAL:** YES MA'AM, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE BEFORE
13 YOU, A GENTLEMAN IS PASSING OUT SOME PAPERS ON FERRITISM. I'VE
14 BEEN BEFORE YOU SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST, AND THE LAST TIME
15 YOU WERE ASKING DR. GARTHWAITE TO DO SOME STUDIES ON IT, WHICH
16 HIS STUDY CONSISTED OF LOOKING UP A WEB PAGE. THAT WOULD BE
17 FOR THE SCHICK SHADELL HOSPITAL THEY HAVE A WEB PAGE AT SCHICK
18 SHADELL.COM. THIS IS ONE OF THEIR STUDIES RIGHT HERE BY
19 DOCTORS -- HIS NAME RIGHT THERE, AS YOU CAN SEE, WHERE THEY
20 DID FOR RADICAL AVERSION THERAPY AND THE RESULTS OF IT. ALSO,
21 UNDER THAT, THE NEXT PARAGRAPH IS -- HONG KONG IS USING THIS
22 THERAPY. I'M JUST WONDERING, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO INCORPORATE
23 THIS IN LOS ANGELES. AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, THIS THERAPY GOT ME
24 OFF OF CRACK IN ONE DAY. ALCOHOL IN TWO AND CIGARETTES IN
25 THREE AND BASICALLY HAS KEPT ME OFF OF IT. THE PROBLEM IS, THE



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1 WAY THAT THEY MEASURE THIS THEY MEASURE IT AT ONE-YEAR
2 INCREMENTS, AND THIS THERAPY NEEDS BOOSTERS EVERY YEAR, SO,
3 YOU KNOW, AS LONG AS, YOU KNOW, YOU GET THE BOOSTERS, YOU STAY
4 CLEAN. JUST HOPING YOU GUYS WILL, YOU KNOW, DR. GARTHWAITE
5 SAID IT NEEDS TO BE STUDIED, THERE'S A LOT OF STUDIES THERE,
6 THEY'VE DONE -- I THINK THEY'VE SPENT \$7 MILLION IN STUDYING
7 IT, THE SCHICK CENTER DID. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CALL THEM
8 THERE AT 1-800-CRAVINGS THEY'LL SEND YOU THE STUDIES. THANK
9 YOU.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD
12 MARILYN PRICE AND EMILY BURNS PLEASE COME FORWARD? IS EMILY
13 BURNS HERE? ALL RIGHT. YES. GO RIGHT AHEAD. PLEASE STATE YOUR
14 NAME, PLEASE. STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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16 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OH. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MERRITT
17 HOLLOWAY. AND, YOU KNOW, BEFORE I START, OKAY, I WOULD LIKE TO
18 JUST TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT WHERE
19 IT SAYS YOU CAN ONLY COME ONCE IN ANY THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND
20 SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM. AND, YOU KNOW, MR. WILLIAMS, YOU
21 KNOW, WE WERE TALKING PRIVATELY, AND HE JUST HAPPENED TO SAY,
22 AND I'M IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH THAT, THAT IF WE'RE THE PUBLIC
23 AND WE CAN ONLY SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM, THEN YOU SHOULD JUST
24 HAVE ONE AGENDA ITEM FOR US TO SPEAK ON. YOU KNOW, I CAME TO
25 TALK ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, BUT



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1 ALSO, TOO, YOU KNOW, THERE IS THE BUS RIDER'S UNION, AND
2 THERE'S SO MANY THINGS GOING ON. I MEAN I'D LIKE TO JUST,
3 BEFORE I START SPEAKING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
4 FAMILY SERVICES, JUST ONE QUICK THING ABOUT THE BUS RIDER'S
5 UNION, BECAUSE THAT AFFECTS A LOT OF BUS RIDERS, INCLUDING
6 MYSELF, AND YOU KNOW, THEY'RE RAISING THE FARES. WE'RE THE
7 PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE THE MONEY. YOU ARE THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE
8 A LOT OF MONEY, AND THEY'RE RAISING THE FARES AND I NOTICE
9 THAT ON THE BUSES, THEY HAVE A LOT OF ADVERTISEMENTS, LIKE
10 THEY HAVE WILL SMITH WITH THE GUNS, AND THAT'S, EXCUSE ME,
11 THAT'S DETRIMENTAL TO OUR COMMUNITY, YOU KNOW, SEEING ALL
12 THESE -- LIKE HOLLYWOOD MAKES ALL KIND OF VIOLENCE, AND, YOU
13 KNOW, THEY SPEND ALL OF THAT MONEY BLOWING UP CARS. THEY COULD
14 SPEND THAT MONEY IMPROVING THE HEALTHCARE AND THINGS LIKE
15 THAT. SO, AND NOT -- AND NOT ONLY THAT, IF THEY WANT TO RAISE
16 THE FARES, WITH ALL THE ADVERTISEMENT THAT HOLLYWOOD IS
17 PUTTING ON THE SIDES OF THOSE BUSES, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO
18 COMPENSATE -- WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RIDE FOR FREE, YOU KNOW,
19 WITH ALL THE ADVERTISEMENTS. TOYOTA IS GIVING THEM MONEY AND
20 ALL THESE OTHER COMPANIES ARE PUTTING BIG ADVERTISEMENTS ON
21 BUSES. LEGALLY BLONDE II AND ALL OF THAT. LIKE IF YOU WANT TO
22 INCREASE THE BUS FARE, THAT SHOULD COME FROM THE
23 ADVERTISEMENTS. BUT NOW WHAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH YOUR TIME STARTS WHEN YOU SIT DOWN, SO
2 GO AHEAD.

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4 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** WELL, WHEN I SAT DOWN I DIDN'T HAVE THE
5 MICROPHONE. I SAT HERE FOR FIVE MINUTES IF I ONLY GET THREE
6 MINUTES --

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHEN YOU START TALKING, WHEN YOU STARTED
9 TALKING, YOUR TIME STARTED.

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11 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY. WELL, SO WHAT I WAS SAYING ABOUT THE
12 39, LIKE THAT'S JUST -- THERE NEEDS TO BE AN AMENDMENT TO
13 THAT, OKAY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY LITTLE TIME. OKAY. MR.
14 CLAYTON, HE PAID ME MONEY. HE WORKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT, HE'S A
15 SOCIAL WORKER, HE PAID ME MONEY, WHICH WAS, YOU KNOW, AGAINST
16 THE, YOU KNOW, THE DEPARTMENT, LIKE THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO
17 PAY CLIENTS MONEY. HE PAID ME MONEY, AND HE WORKS FOR THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. HE'S SUPPOSED TO
19 LOSE HIS JOB. NOT ONLY THAT, THE JUDGE COVERED UP HIS STUFF,
20 HER NAME IS JUDGE MARGARET HENRY, WHO ALSO SUPPRESSED OTHER
21 EVIDENCE IN MY CASE, AND I'M NOT BRINGING UP MY CASE, BUT
22 JUDGE MARGARET HENRY, MICHAEL CLAYTON, LIKE HE'S GUILTY, AND
23 SHE'S GUILTY, TOO, AND ALSO, MY ATTORNEY, AFTER GETTING ME TO
24 SIGN AWAY MY RIGHTS, HER NAME IS ANN CUSHING. THEN THEY'RE
25 TRYING TO RAILROAD MY SON AND GET HIM TAKEN AWAY. BUT THE



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1 THINGS I WANT TO ADDRESS IS SO -- ANYWAY, I SHOULD HAVE WROTE
2 IT DOWN. OH MY TIME'S EXPIRED? ALL RIGHT. SO I CAN'T COME BACK
3 FOR THREE MONTHS?

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FINISH YOUR STATEMENT.

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7 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** WELL, I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE -- I WILL GIVE YOU ONE MINUTE MORE
10 TO FINISH YOUR STATEMENT.

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12 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** WELL, YOU KNOW, I FEEL THAT I'M BEING
13 WRONGLY ACCUSED, YOU KNOW, LIKE I THINK THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AS A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN,
15 THEY'RE TAKING A LOT OF ADVANTAGE OF THE PARENTS, YOU KNOW,
16 THEY FORCE US TO GO THERE, THEY FORCE US TO PAY PARKING. WE
17 HAVE TO PAY -- YOU MAKE \$10,000 A DAY JUST ON PEOPLE PARKING
18 THERE. YOU FORCE US TO COME THERE, YOU TAKE OUR CHILDREN FROM
19 US, YOU FORCE US TO COME THERE, YOU WREAK HAVOC IN OUR LEAVES,
20 YOU FORCE US TO -- LIKE WE DON'T -- IT'S JUST RIDICULOUS. LIKE
21 IT NEEDS TO BE REFORMED, AND, LIKE, IF YOU QUIT GIVING THESE
22 AND LIKE I SAID ADDRESS THE ISSUE THAT THE -- THE CHILDREN AND
23 FAMILY SERVICES -- CHILDREN SERVICES -- C.S.W. SHOULD NOT GET
24 RAISES. YOU KNOW, IN FACT, LIKE YOU SHOULD -- WE NEED TO HAVE
25 AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT TO LOOK INTO THAT, AND REALLY TO LOOK



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1 INTO -- AND THE LAST THING I'D LIKE TO SAY BEFORE I GO IS THAT
2 I FEEL THAT, YOU KNOW, I'VE WATCHED YOU PEOPLE ALL DAY, AND
3 THE FACT THAT I SEE THIS LADY TALKING TO MS. MOLINA, AND, YOU
4 KNOW, AND LIKE YOU GUYS, YOU ACT LIKE -- IT'S JUST LIKE YOU'RE
5 GIVING US -- LIKE YOU DON'T EVEN CARE, YOU KNOW, LIKE YOU'RE
6 NOT PAYING ATTENTION. I SEE YOU GUYS ARE PAYING ATTENTION A
7 LITTLE BIT TO ME. NOT HER. SHE'S OVER THERE. YOU'RE HAVING
8 SIDEBAR CONVERSATIONS. HOW DO WE KNOW -- I MEAN, YOU DON'T
9 TAKE US SERIOUS, YOU KNOW, THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE -- WE NEED
10 TO -- THIS BROTHER, WARREN WILLIAMS, HE NEEDS TO BE FUNDED,
11 OKAY, HE NEEDS TO BE FUNDED AND WE NEED TO HAVE MORE
12 GRASSROOTS PEOPLE. DR. ERNIE SMITH, THE BLACK COMMUNITY HEALTH
13 TASKFORCE, YOU KNOW, LIKE WE NEED TO -- WE NEED SOME
14 GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION TO GET SOME FUNDING AND TO BE ABLE TO
15 COME UP HERE AND -- AND DO SOME -- YOU GUYS JUST WORK ON THE
16 FACT THAT YOU HAVE EVERYBODY WORKING ALL DAY LONG AND THEY
17 CAN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE THEY'RE AT WORK. WHO CAN COME AND
18 SIT HERE UNTIL 3:00 -- 2:30 IN THE AFTERNOON JUST TO TALK FOR
19 TWO MINUTES.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU
22 VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SOMEONE OVER THERE CAN TALK TO
23 YOU --

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1 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY I'M GOING TO COME BACK NEXT WEEK AND I
2 WANT TO SPEAK SOME MORE, AND WE NEED TO AMEND THIS NUMBER 39,
3 AND I'M GOING TO TRY TO BRING SOME MORE PEOPLE TOO SO THAT WE
4 CAN -- SO THAT WE CAN MAYBE, YOU KNOW, START TRYING TO SHAKE
5 UP SOME STUFF IN HERE. OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND, YOU KNOW,
6 I'M GOING TO SEE YOU AGAIN. PLEASE HAVE A NICE DAY.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YOU'RE -- ALL RIGHT, PLEASE
9 STATE YOUR NAME.

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11 **MARILYN PRICE:** MY NAME IS MARILYN PRICE, AND I'M HERE TO GIVE
12 YOU EACH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OWN PACKET OF THAT WHICH
13 WAS PRESENTED TO MR. ORR, THE COUNTY COUNSEL. HE IS IN
14 VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA LAW WITH RESPECTS TO MY TITLE AND I
15 WANT YOU TO HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE BY HAVING PREPARED EACH
16 ITEM. I'LL LET YOU SEE AND THERE'S A COVER LETTER INSIDE FOR
17 EACH OF YOU, IT WAS INITIALLY ADDRESSED TO YOU. SO TODAY, I'M
18 NOT GOING TO SPEAK EXCEPT TO GIVE YOU YOUR MAIL AND LET YOU
19 LOOK AT WHAT THE LAW IS AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND WHAT WAS
20 PRESENTED TO HIM SO THERE WON'T BE ANY MISCODE OF
21 COMMUNICATION.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MISS PRICE, WERE YOU TOLD THAT YOU NEED TO
24 GET A PRIVATE ATTORNEY? BECAUSE WE CANNOT -- THERE ARE CERTAIN
25 THINGS YOU CANNOT DO.



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MARILYN PRICE: I DON'T THINK IT'S NEEDED. THERE'S NO PRIVATE ATTORNEY, UNLESS YOU ALL ARE GOING TO PAY FOR IT. I'VE ALREADY SPENT 15 YEARS IN LITIGATION AND ALL OF MY MONEY AND I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY. IT'S YOU ALL'S ERROR, AND YOUR EMPLOYEE'S AND I EXPECT YOU TO CORRECT IT. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN, FOR AT LEAST LOOKING INTO IT, BUT AFTER YOU REVIEW THIS PACKET THAT I'M GIVING YOU AND YOU LOOK AT WHAT IT IS THEREIN, THEN EACH BOARD MEMBER WILL HAVE KNOWN AND HAD CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE AS TO WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, AND IF YOU, IN FACT, FIND THAT I'M NOT CORRECT, AND IT IS SUPPORTED BY A LAW FIRM, I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE DOING IT, I HAVE 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE --

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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: WELL IF YOU HAVE A LAW FIRM THEY SHOULD TAKE CARE OF IT.

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MARILYN PRICE: PARDON?

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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: IF YOU HAVE A LAW FIRM --

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MARILYN PRICE: THEY'VE ALREADY COMPLETED IT, AND I CAN'T -- AND THE ASSESSOR, LET ME SAY SOMETHING TO YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN, YOUR OWN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, THE HOMEOWNERS INVESTIGATIVE UNIT, THEY DID CORRECT IT IN THE YEAR OF 2000.

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1 SOMEBODY ARBITRARILY, MR. REYES, MIS-CORRECTED IN NOVEMBER OF
2 2002. I'VE HAD THAT RECORD CORRECTED SINCE -- FOR THREE YEARS,
3 SO I WANT TO FIND OUT WHERE'S THAT DOCUMENT THAT THEY HAVE
4 THAT HAD THEM TO CHANGE IT BACK.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAS A REPORT.
7 CAN YOU SHARE THIS WITH HER?

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9 **MARILYN PRICE:** IT IS NOT BASED UPON A FOUNDATION OF FACTS,
10 MISS --

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. CAN WE SHARE THIS -- THE COUNTY
13 COUNSEL --

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15 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** ABSOLUTELY IN FACT --

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17 **MARILYN PRICE:** IT'S NOT BASED UPON FACT SO THAT'S WHY I'M
18 GIVING YOU THE PACK, SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING.

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20 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** IS THAT THE LETTER THAT'S IN THAT PACKET?

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT WE WOULD HAVE TO DO IS TO HAND IT
23 RIGHT BACK TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL, IF THERE'S SOMETHING HE
24 HASN'T SEEN --

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1 **MARILYN PRICE:** THEN YOU'LL DO A REVIEW, BUT HERE'S WHAT'S
2 GIVEN TO THEM.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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6 **MARILYN PRICE:** AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE EACH OF YOU RECEIVE YOUR
7 OWN PACKETS AS CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE, SO THERE WILL BE NO --
8 THAT'S RIGHT. HERS IS ON TOP. THERE CAN BE NO MISCODE OF
9 COMMUNICATION, AND IT'S IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA LAW,
10 ALL OF IT IS, AND I SAID I'M BACKED BY ESQUIRES OF LAW AND
11 LOYOLA SCHOOL OF LAW, WHICH I'VE ATTENDED, MISS BRATHWAITE-
12 BURKE, AND I WANT IT TAKEN CARE OF. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN.
13 AND LIKE YOU SAY WE ALL VOTE FOR YOU NOW, AND WE MUST -- AND I
14 DON'T WANT TO USE DISCRIMINATION, AND I DON'T PLAY THAT GAME,
15 PERIOD. IT'S YOUR OWN VALUE SYSTEM, AND I WANT EACH BOARD
16 MEMBER TO LOOK AT WHAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO COUNTY COUNSEL,
17 'CAUSE THEY'RE NOT GOING TO TELL ME THEY CAME UP WITH THAT
18 KIND OF STUFF. AND IF IT'S GARBAGE IN, IT'S GARBAGE OUT. AND
19 IF YOU HAVE NO BASIS OF FACTS IN WHAT YOU PRESENT THEN THE
20 CONCLUSION CAN NEVER BE FACTUAL. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. THE COUNTY COUNSEL IS REQUESTING A
25 ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE ON CS-6 AND CS-7, SO IN ACCORDANCE WITH



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1 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
3 CS-1, CS-2, CS-3, CS-4, AND CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
4 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION; ITEM CS-8, CONFERENCE
5 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO
6 LITIGATION, ONE CASE. ITEM CS-9, INTERVIEW AND CONSIDER
7 CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES,
8 AND ITEM CS-10, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
9 INITIATION OF LITIGATION ONE CASE AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
10 AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED

2 SESSION ON JULY 29, 2003]

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4 The following action is being reported as a result of the
5 Board of Supervisors' Closed Session held today.

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7 **CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

8 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

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10 Martha Aquino, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., U.S.
11 District Court, Central District, Case No. CV 02-9001 FMC

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13 This is a lawsuit seeking damages for wrongful death as a
14 result of alleged negligent and wrongful actions of Sheriff's
15 Department personnel.

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17 ACTION TAKEN: The Board authorized settlement of Martha
18 Aquino, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. in the amount
19 of \$975,000. The vote of the Board was unanimous with
20 Supervisor Antonovich being absent.

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22 **CS-4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

23 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

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1 George Frank, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los
2 Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 198771

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4 This is a lawsuit brought by employees of the County Safety
5 Police alleging discrimination with respect to salaries and
6 benefits.

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8 ACTION TAKEN: The Board authorized an appeal of the judgment
9 in the case of George Frank, et al. v. County of Los Angeles,
10 et al. The vote of the Board was unanimous with all
11 Supervisors being present.

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